



W. Carey Bunch

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One-by-one the "old guard" along the Public Parade is passing from among us, leaving voids which challenge those who remain. And the vacant spaces are becoming increasingly harder to fill with like subjects.

One of the finest humanitarians to meander along the Public Parade completed his sojourn on earth quietly on January 12 after practically no prior warning. But that was in character with W. Carey Bunch.

In an almost uncanny incident, Mr. Bunch predicted his death by about 24 hours. He had lived a long (86 years) and fruitful life; had mourned the loss of a devoted and dutiful wife; had been self-sufficient; and possessed the faith and fiber to carry it all with a friendly spirit.

Mr. Bunch was retired superintendent of the Edenton Fish Hatchery of the U.S. Department of Interior. Nevertheless he was never to carry the trace of a bureaucrat. Maybe it was his childhood in neighboring Gates County, or his dedication to his job of hatching rockfish that kept him humble, thoughtful and loving. It certainly couldn't have been what he learned at the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina — maybe they did teach logic and common sense, even there, back in those days.

If there was anyone who didn't like Carey Bunch it wasn't his fault. He had a natural love to his fellowman which allowed him to make friends, not just have acquaintances. He laughed easily, often times at himself, but more often with you and never, never at you.

In the past few years we didn't see as much of Carey Bunch as we liked. And that wasn't his fault. Quite often we would find evidence in our unattended typewriter of his having meandered on Cheapside.

Mr. Bunch was never too busy to be kind, considerate and helpful throughout the community. His criticism was constructive and he could take as well as give. He carried his load cheerfully and without complaining. Hundreds of thousands of his good deeds will never be known, but those who knew him knew Carey Bunch wasn't one to waste time on trivia. He made his life count for good, right to the end.

He was a loyal and dutiful husband. The same can be said for his role as father of a son and two daughters. He carried a special pride for his six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was also a dedicated Baptist, serving in many capacities in his local church, including that of deacon. The same can be said for his association with Unanimity Lodge No. 7, which he served as master.

William Carey Bunch, Sr., died as he lived, quietly. The accomplishments of his life and the void left by his death will long be remembered along the Public Parade. The challenge the passing of the "old guard" leaves is awesome.

Elizabeth 'Saved'

There is a lot of "no news" news these days; it's just that time of the year in the industry. Although politics are warming up in 1984, it is just natural for journalists to have a lazy streak early in the year.

The "no news" news of the past week is the fact that the State of North Carolina is not going to let the newly built Elizabeth II float around the Manteo dock in the State of Dare. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., promised the folks down there a ship for the 400th Anniversary; and he promised with or without the assistance of the federal government, a way would be made to get it out of the bay.

The fact that the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development "found" \$400,000 to dredge a navigation channel is certainly not news. It's like finding a diamond ring at a jewelry store.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District let the U.S.

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Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington

Harrington Files For Re-Election

Senator J.J. (Monk) Harrington filed for re-election on Tuesday, January 17 to represent the Second Senatorial District in North Carolina (Counties: Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford & Northampton as well as parts of Edgecombe, Halifax, Martin and Washington). The Second Senatorial District in Chowan County consists of Middle, Edenton & Yeopim Townships. Harrington has served in the North Carolina General Assembly since 1963 or for 11 consecutive sessions and is the second ranking member of the Senate in seniority and the first in continuous service.

In 1967 he was named Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, a chairmanship he held for eight sessions or through the '81 Session. In 1983 Senator Harrington was named to cochair the Senate Ways and Means Committee (incorporating Economy, Small Business and Transportation). He

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Local Firefighters Battle Simulated Gas Blazes

Firefighters from ten counties battled smoke and flames from gas fires at the Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department Training Grounds on Sunday, January 22. The controlled fires were part of a two day training program sponsored by the Albemarle Firemen's Association and hosted by the Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department.

The training program concentrated on two major areas of firefighting: breathing equipment and special problems (LP Gas and flammable liquids).

Firemen attended classes at Chowan Jr. High from 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, January 21. The next day, they went to the field for some practical experience. It was mandatory that the men attend classes before working with the real thing.

Four instructors from the N.C. Department of Insurance were on hand to teach the classes on Saturday and to be in the field with the men on Sunday.

The training program had been in the works for a long time. Parker Newbern, President of the Albemarle Firemen's Association said, "This thing just didn't happen over night."

Newbern said that he and Leon Evans, Assistant Chief, Center Hill Crossroads Fire Dept. and training officer for the Albemarle Firemen's Association have been working for 12 months to get ready for the training session.

Newbern and Evans knew that the N.C. Department of Insurance offered training programs and wanted to have a program available to area firemen. Their first contact was with Elwood Inscow who was the former Commissioner of the Department of Insurance (Fire and Rescue Divi-

sion). Through their contact with Inscow, the training program last week-end became a reality.

On Sunday, with their classroom work behind them, the firefighters braved one of the coldest days of winter to receive the practical side of their training.

To gain experience in breathing equipment, the men put on breathing packs weighing 30 lbs. and entered a smoke-filled building.

Inside the building firemen found exactly what they would encounter on the inside of a burning house. Furniture and victims (other firemen) were strategically placed in the building. The object of the drill was to rescue the victims.

There were two drills relating to special fire problems. One drill dealt with LP Gas fires; the other fuel oil fires.

In both of these drills, LP Gas was pumped to frames located in the middle of a field. The fuel was ignited, then a huge fire began.

When the flames from the fire got high enough, lines of men carrying hoses began approaching the blaze. As they moved closer, they sprayed water onto the fire causing huge billows of black and white smoke to fill the sky. Once the firefighters were close enough to reach a cut-off valve, they simulated shutting it off. At that point the man supplying the fuel to the frame stopped the flow of fuel.

1,000 gallons of LP gas were donated by area fuel dealers for the training session. Leon Evans commented, "Without the gas we couldn't have even had the training program."

A lot of time, work and cooperation went into the training program this weekend. As a safety precaution fire trucks from the Edenton Fire Department and the Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department were stationed at the training site. Also, the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad stood by in case of an emergency.

Newbern said, "The purpose of the training is to help each other. That's why the theme of the Albemarle Firemen's Association is 'Unity through mutual aid'."



GAS FIRE—Firefighters battled gas fires at a firefighting training session held at the Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department Training Grounds on Sunday January 22. The fires were part of a two day training program sponsored by the Albemarle Firemen's Association. Over 100 firemen attended the program which was offered by the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

Attorney Convicted On Four Counts

James D. Singletary, 33, the Hertford lawyer charged, along with four other men, in connection with the June 1982 burning of the Elliott House, was convicted on four counts of arson in Chowan County Superior Court Thursday, January 19.

The jury of six men and six women found Singletary guilty of wantonly and willfully burning an uninhabited house; conspiring to burn an uninhabited dwelling; conspiring to burn and burning a building under construction; and conspiring to burn and burning a building for fraudulent purposes.

Singletary will be sentenced in

Chowan County Superior Court on March 26.

The maximum sentence for the four arson charges is 46 years.

Three men involved in the fire, Larry Wayne Sanders, Mitchell Duke Ivey and Lucky Douglas Cartwright, plead guilty to arson charges last July.

Cartwright, a Hertford farmer, heavy duty equipment operator and an admitted cocaine and marijuana dealer, testified at the trial that Singletary had instructed him on how to successfully burn a building.

Cartwright's testimony for the state was part of a plea bargain arrangement.

"Many interest groups expect special consideration from the candidate they support," Huskins said, "and as lawyers, we need only the assurance that our attorney general adhere to the highest principles of fairness, justice, and law. In Lacy Thornburg, we have that assurance."

Huskins said the immediate goal of the lawyers committee is "to raise by February 6 the \$250,000 that Thornburg needs to carry out a responsible, efficient and visible campaign."

Two SBI Agents, Walt House and Bill Godley also testified at the trial. They said that in an April 28, 1983 interview, Singletary admitted that he knew that Cartwright was taking him seriously when he discussed ways to burn a building.

Singletary took the stand in his own defense on January 16. He denied having anything to do with the burning of the Elliott House and said that he never instructed Cartwright on the correct way to burn a building.

Singletary also said that SBI Agents Godley and House were taking statements from the April 28th interview out of context and that the statements were answers to hypothetical questions, not serious questions as they suggested.

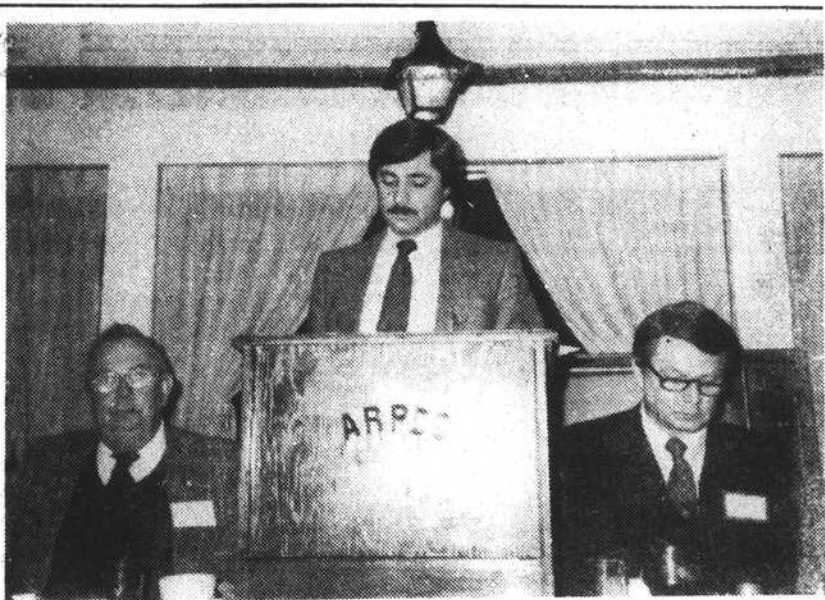
In his charge to the jury, Judge Elbert S. Peel, Jr. of Williamson instructed that "a person who aids and counsels is just as guilty as one who actually carried-out the burning." Peel added that, "A defendant is guilty if he conspires to assist someone else in getting money (in this case an insurance payment), even if he doesn't expect to get money himself."

Murder Suspects To Be Tried In Special Session

A Special Session of Chowan County Superior Court will meet Monday January 30. Judge John B. Lewis, Jr. will preside over the trial calendar.

Included on the criminal calendar are the trials of three men charged in connection with the murder and robbery of Yeopim Township Store owner Les Jones. Jones was murdered on January 31, 1979.

Clyde Alexander Leary, Jr., 20 of Edenton, and Donald Vernal Broadly, 29, New York City, are both charged with murder; armed robbery and accessory after the fact to murder and armed robbery. George Lee Revell, 31, Hempstead, N.Y., is charged with murder and armed robbery.



COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FIRST PRIORITY—Bill Cox, left, President, and Don Flowers, right, Executive Director, listen as Steve Player (A.I.C.P.) describes Community Development Block Grants to the Albemarle Commission Thursday in Washington County.

Commission Addresses Distribution Of Block Grant Funds For FY 1984

The purpose of the transfer of responsibility for Community Development Block Grants from the Federal to the State governments was to allow the states to design programs with goals and objectives more responsive to their needs, according to Steve Player of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

With this transfer of responsibility in mind, the State of North Carolina has earmarked 74 per cent of Community Development Block Grant funds for Community Revitalization projects in 1984.

Player addressed the regular monthly meeting of the Albemarle Commission at Soundview Restaurant Thursday.

Player described the selection and distribution system for the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to cities, towns, and counties of 50,000 population or less.

In 1982 the State awarded \$45-million to 90 localities throughout the state. In 1983, the State awarded \$51.3-million to 96 localities. Much of this increase in funding was attributed to the Emergency Jobs Bill enacted by Congress.

In fiscal year 1984, Player stated

that North Carolina expects to distribute approximately \$42,000,000 to eligible localities.

Out of the total amount of funds which the State received from the Federal government in FY 1984, no more than 20 per cent of the funds will go for Economic Development projects, 5 per cent for Urgent Needs-Contingencies and 1 per cent for Development Planning projects.

The purpose of North Carolina's Small Cities CDBG Program, according to Player, is to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. For a family of four living in a non-metropolitan area of the state, a combined family of income of \$15,600 or less would be considered low to moderate income.

Player outlined the four program categories from which applicants may select:

1. Community Revitalization projects involve funds to improve, preserve, or develop primarily residential areas. Localities may apply for either single-year or multi-year funding.
2. Economic Development

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NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY—Bettie Bemby (left) presents a check for \$300.00 from Nu Eta Omega, Alpha Sorority to E.L. Hollowell, membership and gifts chairman, Chowan County Chapter North Carolina Symphony. The North Carolina Symphony will present the Edenton Series at Swain School on Thursday February 23, 1984 at 8 P.M.