

'Dot' Jones

There is a void today across the vast 21-county First Congressional District of Tar Heelia. It was created Monday when our First Lady died in Pitt County after a brief illness.

Mrs. Doris (Dot) Long Jones was a native of Edenton. She spent her childhood and in early adult years meandering along the Public Parade. Then in April, 1934, at the age of 20, she married Walter B. Jones. To the union was born two children, a daughter and a son, both of whom now reside in the family hometown of Farmville.

It was in 1966 that Dot Jones became the First Lady of the First Congressional District. Her popular husband, who had served in both houses of the Tar Heel General Assembly, was elected to Congress in a special election. And while they naturally spent much time in Farmville and Washington, they always considered Edenton "home".

Dot Jones was possessed with a natural love of people. This showed constantly; she could "work" a crowd with the best of them, or when the need arose, remind her listener that her dear husband was the congressman.

Dot Jones not only loved people, which made her a natural community leader, wife, mother and grandmother, but she loved nature and animal life. She was hardly ever seen without at least one small pet, other than her husband.

Although she had a deep and abiding love for her fellowman, there was something she could hardly tolerate, that being the concrete jungle of Washington. She couldn't tolerate a phoney; she couldn't work in her garden because there wasn't enough space; and she couldn't feel comfortable exercising her pets because of the crime in the streets.

The last few years she spent more and more time at their Farmville home where she could enjoy herself, but never neglecting her responsibilities as the wife of a U.S. Congressman.

Dot Jones especially liked the periods when Congress was not in session. It gave her the opportunity to enjoy the things she so loved at home, as well as to travel the circuit with her popular husband, who in nearly two decades in Washington had paid his dues, being recognized for his leadership and chosen chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries—one of 14 standing committees in that body.

Dot Jones had a radiant smile, a firm handshake and a mind all her own. Had it been in the stars, she would have made a good congressional representative in her own right.

Rep. Jones said following her death that it would be "very difficult to face tomorrow without her." He will, and we will. But nobody promises that it will be easy. The fond memories we all cherish will make the tomorrows a little easier, the burden a bit lighter.

The First Lady of the First Congressional District reigned in splendor. She died as she lived—in honor and dignity.

A first class lady if one ever breathed—that was Dot Jones!

Getting Results

The State Board of Transportation under the Hunt Administration is keeping its word regarding improvements to U.S. 17, north of Elizabeth City. The area is getting results because leaders have kept pressure applied at the proper spots to see that commitments are carried out.

Just last week, the transportation board let two contracts which will complete improvements to U.S. 17 on up the road, through the Isle of Pasquotank and Camden County. These improvements have been a long time coming and can be attributed to hard work on the part of a lot of organized efforts as well as individuals.

The 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association has an active Highway Committee which has been effective in establishing

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ANNUAL SCHOOL TOUR - While hosting visitors to the new Holmes Cafeteria Friday, Principal Rob Boyce encourages Commissioner Barbara Ward and School Board member John Mitchener to look toward future improvements at the consolidated high school.

Elizabeth City Attorneys Open An Office In Edenton

By Maru Amburn

Two Elizabeth City attorneys, William T. Davis and G. Wendell Spivey, have expanded their law practice to include Edenton.

Davis & Spivey opened their office at 321 South Broad Street on February 6, bringing their experience in personal injury, real estate, family and criminal law to Edenton residents.

Davis, a licensed pilot and church pastor, has practiced law in Elizabeth City since 1974.

An Edenton native, he was graduated from D. F. Walker High School, where he was selected most likely to succeed by his fellow seniors. He completed both undergraduate (1970) and law studies (1974) at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Before going into private practice in 1977, Davis was legal counsel at Elizabeth City State University. He is Chairman of the Board of the Legal Services of the Coastal Plain, a member of the Board of Directors of the Elizabeth City Girls Club and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Davis is the pastor of the New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Camden County. He has served the 250 member church for two years.

"What motivates me in both professions is a desire to help people,

Rep. Jones' Wife Taken In Death

FARMVILLE—Mrs. Doris Jean Jones, wife of Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, died Monday after a brief illness. She was 69.

Mrs. Jones, commonly known as "Dot", was a native of Edenton. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Long and was married to Rep. Jones in April 1934.

While her children were in school she was active in the Parent-Teacher Association. In the late 1940s she helped found the Farmville High School Band.

Mrs. Jones was active in community, social and political functions all of her adult life.

In 1947 she and her husband formed the Northeastern Official Booking Office which assigns referees for high school sporting events from Greensboro to the coast.

In addition to her husband, surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Bob R. Moye of Farmville; a brother, Joseph Judson Long, Jr., of Smithfield; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3 P.M. Tuesday at First Baptist Church here. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery.

through my law practice and my ministry," Davis said.

Davis, 35, is the son of the Reverend and Mrs. W. H. Davis of Edenton. He is married to the former Claudia Cannady and has three children, William Timothy, Jr., 11, Nicole, 8, and Michael, 7.

He is a member of the North Carolina Bar and the Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Wendell Spivey, 41, is a Gates County native who returned to Northeastern North Carolina after working in Washington, D.C. to "enter private practice one day and to return to the area where I grew up."

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Board Accepts County Funding

By Ron Anderson

In a 5 to 2 vote at the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education meeting Monday, February 13 school board members accepted the \$471,000 authorized by the County Board of Commissioners to begin the first priority of Stage I of the Edenton-Chowan Capital Outlay Plan.

The first priority of Stage I includes renovations and new construction at the D. F. Walker School. When these improvements are completed, students will be relocated from Swain to D. F. Walker.

Included in the County Commissioners' appropriation for the \$471,000 were four stipulations. Two of these caused two school board members, Billy Nixon and John Mitchener, III, to vote against accepting the appropriation.

One of the stipulations stated that the total county appropriation for the project will not exceed \$471,000.

The other stated that after the students have been moved from Swain to Walker, a fee simple title to the Swain facility and lot would revert to the County at the County's option. And also that the Alternative School would remain at the Swain site.

Billy Nixon said that he was disappointed with the County's offer because, "We have asked the county for quite a bit and have gotten so little."

He also said that he was not happy with the wording of the stipulation which stated that the Swain facilities and lot will be reverted to the county after the students are moved to Walker. He said that the stipulation was not expressed clearly.

John Mitchener, III, said that he was uneasy about the ceiling of \$471,000. He said that he did not think it was a good idea to move students to D. F. Walker without first updating the school's heating and air conditioning systems.

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Town Council Denies Funding For Architectural Survey Plan

By Maru Amburn

The Town Council concurred with a recommendation by the Finance Committee not to fund an architectural survey project proposed by the Edenton Women's Club.

"In light of the expense of the sewer project and other budget needs, the Finance Committee recommends that the funds not be authorized for an architectural survey," Mayor Pro-tem Steve Hampton said. The Council agreed by a voice vote.

The Edenton Women's Club requested that both the town and county contribute \$5,500 in matching funds for a survey project established by the North Carolina Department of Archives and History.

According to club leaders, neighboring counties have discovered that following initial investment in the architectural project, sale of books on the survey has been a lucrative operation.

"Participation in the survey is not as one-year thing," Councilwoman Crummey said, "The first year is just the beginning."

The Council also held two public hearings within their regularly scheduled meeting time.

The first hearing was held to discuss the submission of an application to the North Carolina State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for block grant funds for neighborhood revitalization for a new target area. The council heard no public opposition to their plan to apply for \$750,000 in grant monies by April 16.

Councilman Fenner stressed the need for a Senior Citizens Center and urged grant consultant, David Holmes, to review ways in which these block grant funds could be utilized to facilitate the needs of

the senior citizen community. If funds would not be available to build a new senior center, Fenner suggested that the council, "Improve or do whatever is necessary to improve the existing site (at the Recreation Center)."

The second hearing was called to hear public comment on the Assessment Roll for the improvement of West Carteret Street from Broad Street to Granville Street. The Council heard from two citizens, Howard Blount of 133 West Carteret Street and Mrs. Clara K. Simons of 314 North Granville Street, who were concerned with how those people on fixed incomes could pay the levy and exactly how the levy would be charged. Town Manager Sam Noble assured the citizens that they could pay the amount over a 10-year period and that the amount per-foot would be \$6.12.

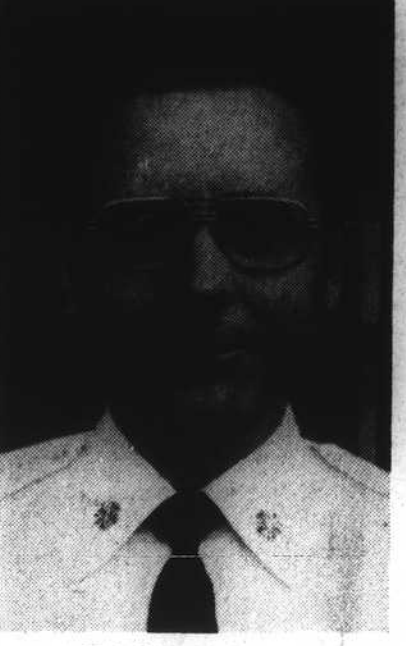
Airport Advisory Committee member Jim Blount charged that Sam Noble, "may not look beyond the ledger sheet" when considering the future of Edenton Municipal Airport.

The Council earlier decided not to employ a full-time airport operator to serve visiting aircraft on the weekends. Blount said, "You may not know who is in one of those aircraft, it could be someone looking to locate a business or invest in Edenton. You can't measure this in dollars and cents."

Noble pointed out that the Town of Edenton has spent \$9,000 over budget on the airport and that the town continues to be concerned with the need to repave the runway surface.

"When the runway is re-paved, we may take another look at the need to keep the airport open on the weekends," Councilman Hollowell

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Chief Lynn Perry

Perry Installed AFA President

Edenton Fire Department Chief Lynn Perry was installed as the president of the Albemarle Firemen's Association on Tuesday, February 7.

The chief began his year long term as president at the association's ladies' night banquet held at the South Mills Ruritan Building.

Perry, who has been with the Edenton Fire Department for 25 years, became chief in July 1982 when Chief Parks retired.

Looking ahead to his year as president of the Firemen's Association Perry said, "I'm really looking forward to working with the men for the betterment of the association. It's going to be a great year."

The Albemarle Firemen's Association was formed on October 17, 1967 with "Unity through mutual aid" as its motto. The organization is made up of fire departments from Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

A blaze in Elizabeth City on March 1, 1967 which destroyed an entire city block became a catalyst for organizing the association.

Chief Perry said that that fire and other large fires in 1967 con-

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MUSICAL ANTICS - Swain students Jessica Phillips, April Keeter (back), Denise Wilder and Teshia Holley (front), prepare for the arrival of the North Carolina Symphony next week. In this photo, the fourth graders are portraying the wolf (french horn) and the duck (clarinet) from "Peter and the Wolf". The symphony will play for Edenton-Chowan students Thursday afternoon. Tickets are still available for the evening symphony performance at Swain Auditorium. They may be purchased in advance for \$7 and for \$8 at the door. Symphony Board members encourage music lovers to purchase tickets early.