

NNCT To Hold Board Meeting

Northeastern Carolina Tomorrow will hold its Spring Board Meeting and Banquet March 9, here according to NNCT Board Chairman Joe Parker of Ahoskie.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., will be the banquet speaker which will conclude NNCT's spring board meeting.

Both the board meeting and banquet will be held in the K.E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center, Elizabeth City State University.

The board meeting will be held from 1:30 - 5:30 P.M. The meeting will mark a significant milestone in the organization's history. The agenda includes the announcement of board members for the next two years, the election of a new board of officers and a new board chairman. The new officers and board members will take office May 1, and serve a two year term of office.

Governor Hunt will provide the keynote address at the banquet which will conclude the day's activities from 6-8 P.M. Banquet tickets are \$15.00 per person and are available from the NNCT Executive Office. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and tickets will not be sold after March 7.

Interested individuals can purchase tickets by either calling or writing: NNCT, ECSU Box 962, ECSU, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909 or calling (919) 335-3494/3341. Checks should be payable to :NNCT.

Governor Hunt will address an organization which was established from the results of his Northeastern North Carolina Task Force which recommended that the region come together and form a central organization which could collectively speak for the region.

In May 1981, approximately 60 citizens from the 16 most northeastern counties came together. This group of volunteer citizens, concerned with the region's quality of life and its lack of growth and economic development agreed that a regional organization be formed.

In early 1982, the efforts of these citizens resulted in the formation of NNCT. This regional council would seek maximum citizen participation and address the problems of the region.

"Today, it is the means which individuals and organizations work together to examine the problems, share the concerns, and insure the orderly growth and promote the development of the region," Parker stated.

NNCT, a non-profit corporation, operates through a board of directors. This 60-member board is comprised of all volunteers appointed by respective county commissioners, region council governments, university and colleges, and 35 members appointed at-large.

Serving as NNCT's board of officers are: Parker, board chairman, Ahoskie; Webb Fuller, 1st vice chairman, Nags Head; Floyd Spellman, 2nd vice chairman, Elizabeth City; Jack Runion, Roanoke Rapids, secretary; and Bill Abeyounis, Washington, treasurer.

Committee chairs include: Spellman, Quality of Life Committee; Mary Lilley, Agriculture and Natural Industries Committee, Williamston; Winnie Wood, Business, Industry and Tourism Committee, Camden; Hugh Bazemore, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, Roanoke Rapids; Dick Paul, Regional Pride Committee, Washington; and Dr. Parker Chesson, Finance Committee, Elizabeth City.

Joining the board officers and committee chairs to comprise the board's Executive Committee were: Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Chancellor Elizabeth City State University; Lindy Cockman, Ahoskie; Mayor Don Bryan, Nags Head; and Shirley Jones, Camden.

Drs. Honored

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Until this medical service was set-up, patients in any type of respiratory distress were transferred to another hospital.

Both Williams and Vaughan showed a genuine love for people and their sense of sincerity was a great comfort to their patients.



POSITIVE CHANGE—Frank and Luetta Sellers (left) discuss with N.C. Representative Charles Evans how to work with elected officials, from the grassroots through the legislature. Evans participated in the one-day political workshop in Edenton Saturday. The seminar, "Northeastern North Carolina From Concerns to Positive Change" attracted over 40 participants from the area.

Pierce Charged Following High Speed Chase

By Ron Anderson

A 1970 Cadillac belonging to Desi Fulis Pierce, W. Albemarle St., ended up in a ditch off of Highway 32 near Valhalla Friday, February 24.

According to Edenton Police Chief Parrish, Corporal F.M. Parker and Auxiliary Officer Knox were travelling west on Albemarle St. Friday night around 11:15 P.M. when a Cadillac pulled up behind

Attorney Fees

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according to the present financing schedule, intends to finance \$1.2 billion more bonds.

"This is another example of the problem we have being associated with the power agency," Mayor Roy Harrell said. "Citizens are being squeezed to death to pay high salaries."

Harrell cited the increase in legal service fees as further reason the Town of Edenton should "try to wean ourselves away from the agency to produce our own current."

Hayes Manuscripts

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gress, governor of North Carolina and U.S. senator; the latter's son, James Cathcart (1782-1865), a prosperous planter who made Hayes a showplace of antebellum North Carolina; his friend Edward Wood (1820-1872), who inherited Hayes and developed extensive farming and fishing operations on and around the property; and Wood's son, John Gilliam Wood (1853-1920), who continued these operations and lived at Hayes until his death.

The Hayes manuscripts will become a part of the Southern Historical Collection at the University in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Carolyn Wallace, director of the Southern Historical Collection, said the Hayes gift was the culmination of a long period of cooperation between the Wood family and the staff of the University Library to endure the preservation of the manuscripts and make them available for research.

Through the gift of the papers to the University, the Wood family has ensured the preservation and accessibility of this outstanding body of historical manuscripts, Wallace said, and continued the long period of cooperation by this splendid contribution to the resources of the Southern Historical Collection.

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them and began tail-gating their police car.

In order to get away from the Cadillac, they pulled into the driveway of the Beaver Hill Cemetery. When the Cadillac had gone by, the police officers pulled out of the driveway and began following the car.

As soon as the driver of the Cadillac saw the police car in his rear view mirror, he put his right foot to the floor and sped on down the road. The chase was on.

The officers chased the Cadillac out W. Albemarle St. and onto Mexico Rd.

They continued to chase the Cadillac through the Macedonia section of Chowan County until they reached the intersection of Mexico Rd. and Highway 32. At the intersection the driver of the Cadillac failed to stop at the stop sign, lost control of his car, and wound up in

a ditch.

The driver then jumped out of his car and ran into the woods. Although the police officers, with the help of members of the Chowan County Sheriff's Department and State Trooper Mike McArthur, searched the woods for the driver of the car, they did not find him. That night the car was impounded.

The next day (Saturday) Desi Pierce, who holds the registration to the Cadillac, came to claim his car at the police station. He reported that the car had been stolen the previous night.

While at the station, Pierce received three charges: driving 15 mph over the posted speed limit; improper passing; and driving 95 in a 55 zone. Trooper McArthur has also charged Pierce with careless driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident. Pierce is to appear in Chowan District Court on March 13.



WEATHERIZATION—James Jackson, EIC carpenter, is making a window air tight at the home of Calvin Moore, 220 W. Carteret Street. The work is being done by EIC as part of the Dept. of Energy's Weatherization Program.

Homeowner Weatherization Funds Available Through EIC Program

Funds to weatherize the homes of low-income families suffering hardships due to frigid weather and high utility bills are now available through the Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

The EIC Weatherization Program is currently taking applications to provide weatherization assistance for eligible residents within the ten counties of Region "R". Funds for the program come to EIC from the N.C. Department of Energy to improve thermal efficiency and to conserve fuel supplies in the home.

Homes will be weatherized under a priority set fourth by DOE to include the prevention of infiltration of cold air, attic insulation, underpinning and the application of storm windows. The weatherization work will be done by a crew of workers specially trained by the DOE, and all materials applied must meet specifications and requirements of the DOE.

Weatherization assistance will be provided to those homes at or below 125 per cent of the poverty level determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and

Budget or contain a member who has received cash assistance payments under Title IV or XVI of the Social Security Act during the 12 month period preceding the determination of eligibility.

Weatherization applications will be taken daily at the local county EIC Offices or the Administration Office in Edenton, N.C. Applicants should bring proof of their total family income when applying for assistance.

Production Down

Production of all major field crops in North Carolina is down sharply from last year according to the North Carolina Crop & Livestock Reporting Service. The lower production is a result of acreage reductions and lower yields per acre because of the summer drought.

Peanut production in North Carolina is expected to total 294-million pounds, same as the forecast on October 1, but 29 per cent less than the 1982 crop. The yield per acre is expected to average 2,000 pounds, down 825 pounds from 1982.

Graham Advises N.C. Farmers To Study Regulations On Imports

Farmers who intend to import tobacco transplants for the 1984 growing season should be aware of the tobacco plant import regulations and understand their real intent, said state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

Under the existing regulation tobacco farmers who plan to obtain plants from sources outside of North Carolina are required to first obtain a permit. The regulation, administered by the N.C. Department of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division, was designed to ensure farmers that plants from other states are as free as possible from insects and injurious diseases.

"Under the import system plants must be certified in the state of origin to meet North Carolina requirements," stated Commissioner Graham. "However, the tobacco plant regulation does not contain standards as to size and color of transplants. It's up to the buyer to determine that plants are the size and color he wants before he purchases them."

Graham suggested that buyers having questions concerning the correct count on tobacco plants as

represented on the crates or invoice call or write the Standards Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, (919) 733-3313.

According to Graham, the North Carolina tobacco grower lists on an application the name of his out-of-state transplant source. N.C.D.A.'s Plant Protection Section then checks to see if the transplant producer is under an inspection program in that state and can meet North Carolina's standards. If so, the application is signed and returned to the applicant. It becomes his permit to move the plants into North Carolina. As part of the certification process, proper land fumigation is required, which lessens the chance of nematode and soil-borne disease problems like Fusarium wilt, Granville wilt, and black shank.

"Preventive sprays for blue mold are also required," Graham continued. "Uncertified, non-permit plants brought in infected with blue mold or viruses could cause problems for not only the grower, but also his neighbors and potentially, the entire production area."

Democratic Precinct Meeting Scheduled For 8 P.M. Tonight

Chowan County Democratic Party Precinct meetings will be held at 8:00 P.M. tonight (Thursday) at the polling places in each precinct. All registered Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Items to be included on the agenda at each precinct meeting are the following:

1. Outline of 1984 convention schedule and delegate selection process.
2. Election of delegates to the county convention.

Court Calendar

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Melvin Ray White was found guilty of reckless driving. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended two years on the condition he pay a \$75 fine and cost of court.

Richard Umphlett was found guilty of simple assault. He was sentenced to 30 days, suspended for two years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$25 and cost of court.

Odessie Holly Gaylord was found guilty of shoplifting and was sentenced to 30 days suspended for two years on the condition that she pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court.

Rona A. Narman was found guilty of passing worthless checks. She was sentenced to 30 days suspended for two years on the condition that she pay a fine of \$25 and cost of court.

Joseph Earl Rawls had two cases consolidated for judgment. He was found guilty of trespassing and larceny. He received a 12 month commitment.

Alma R. Bond was found guilty of passing worthless checks. She was sentenced to 30 days suspended for two years on the condition that she pay a fine of \$25 and cost of court.

Cheryl White was found guilty of assault to inflict serious injury. She was sentenced to six months suspended for two years on the condition that she pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court.

Home Federal

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building a new facility for the Rescue Squad near Chowan Hospital," Copeland said.

The advantages to the consumer will be numerous, according to Home Federal President Larkin Little.

"We are a full-service financial institution that can serve the complete banking needs of a business or family," Little said. "Our services include individual and commercial checking, first and second mortgages, construction, conventional, and FmHA loans."

"Home Federal has had the authority to open an Edenton branch since last May," Little continued. "We plan to begin serving Edenton in mid-summer."

According to Copeland, the bank can begin building renovations 120 days after title transfer.

3. Discussion of campaign plans.
4. Consideration of resolutions and other new business.

Each registered Democrat attending his/her precinct meeting will have one vote. For further information, call Luetta Sellers, County Chair, at 482-4134.

Unemployment Up After Post-Holiday Worker Lay-Offs

RALEIGH—Annual seasonal influences contributed to an increase in North Carolina's total unemployment rate to 8.1 per cent in January

of 1984. This latest rate is down 2.7 percentage points from the January, 1983 rate of 10.8 per cent. Glenn Jernigan, chairman of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission said, "It's more significant, I believe, to look at how many more people were employed in January, 1984 than in the same month a year ago. There was an increase of 40,000 workers in manufacturing jobs and almost 71,000 in nonmanufacturing jobs.

The state's January total unemployment rate of 8.1 per cent and the national January unadjusted rate of 8.8 per cent.

Jernigan added, "We anticipated rising unemployment in January. Historically this has been the pattern. Layoffs after the holidays affect those hired temporarily for retail trade activity. Adverse weather influences the decline in construction jobs."

In January, the Trade sector lost 14,600 jobs. Construction was down 6,900. Service & Miscellaneous dropped 3,300 and Government had 8,600 fewer workers. Non-manufacturing jobs overall declined 35,700 when January was compared to the previous month.

Manufacturing employment changed very little and registered an overall loss of only 1,800 workers spread evenly throughout most sectors. Much of this could be attributed to temporary layoffs, inventory adjustments and other seasonal practices.

The average weekly hours worked by manufacturing production workers was 39.6, down from 40.9 in December, 1983 and up from 38.3 hours in January a year ago.

The average weekly hours worked by manufacturing production workers was \$5.89 up 6 cents from December, 1983 and up 31 cents from January, 1983.

Jernigan concluded unemployment may remain seasonally high in February, but it could decline slightly from the January level. "February, 1984 should, however, continue to show improvement over the February, 1983 picture."