

Beer And Wine Sales Denied By Commissioners

By Maru Amburn

The County Commissioners, by a 3-2 vote, declined to change the ordinance which prohibits Sunday beer and wine sale within the County, excluding the Edenton town limits.

Commissioners C.A. Phillips and Clara Boswell urged commissioners to recind the September 1970 ordinance because of its unfairness to county merchants. The original request to recind the law came from Eastern Fuels, Incorporated.

Phillips noted that several small stores in the county had closed their doors citing the prohibitive ordinance as their demise.

Commissioner Joe Hollowell made the motion to defer the decision on the ordinance change saying, "The people need a chance to respond to this issue." Commissioners Alton Elmore and Barbara Ward also spoke in opposition to the proposed change.

The Commissioners also, by a 3-2 vote, passed a Hollowell motion to encourage the Town of Edenton to recind its Sunday alcohol sale ordinance.

In further business, the Board of Commissioners approved funding for an additional deputy position at the Sheriff's Department.

"The county has not funded an additional deputy position since 1978," County Manager Cliff Copeland noted, "During this period, the county population has increased by 2000 people."

Copeland cited the heavy workload of the Sheriff and his deputies in providing 7-day service patrolling the county until 2:00 A.M.

Commissioner Ward added, "There may be a question in some people's minds (about hiring an additional deputy), but the deputies are certainly giving a lot more service than they are paid for."

The County Commissioners also established a policy where any real estate taxes that become more than five years delinquent be turned over to the County Attorney for collection.

In the Board's prepared agenda, Copeland emphasized that the new policy "should provide ample flexibility in that a person will not suffer foreclosure if he is only two or three years behind in payment but would also insure that our collection methods are equal between personal and real estate property holders."

The Board of Commissioners further action Monday:

-- Nominated Mr. Anthony Hathaway, Jr. to serve on the Social Services Board. Hathaway would fill the expired term of Mrs. Mary Horton.

-- Agreed to proceed with the sale of the Rescue Squad Building and lot to Home Federal Savings and Loan of Greenville for \$75,000, no upset bids having been received.

-- Empowered the County Manager to be responsible for the \$115,000 to \$120,000 project to build a new rescue squad facility behind Chowan Hospital.

-- Encouraged swift action on a plan to renovate the Old Chowan County Courthouse.

-- Unanimously passed a resolution in observance of Focus on the Family Week, March 25 - 31.

-- Rejected a request from the Arrowhead Beach Property Owners Association to conduct a regular meeting at the Association's clubhouse, but noted that special meetings and public hearings of interest may be held at Arrowhead Beach.

Board Approves Walker Sketches

By Ron Anderson

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday, March 5 unanimously agreed to accept the schematic sketches for D.F. Walker School renovations submitted by George M. Smart, Architects.

The sketches are the first step in the architects' plans for the renovations which will add classrooms and a trainable mentally handicapped wing to the Walker facility. Now that the schematics have been accepted, the architects will begin to prepare the design developments.

\$420,000 is the projected cost of the renovations. No site renovations (drainage of the land) are included in the plans.

While presenting the schematics to the school board, Larry Dexter of George M. Smart Architects suggested another renovation be made at the school: converting the present steam heating system to hot water.

Dexter said that this method of improving the heating system at the school would be the least expensive and the most effective.

After Dexter made his recommendation, Superintendent John Dunn explained to the board members that he had asked the architects to look into the matter because steam leaks had created cold conditions at the school this winter. Renovations in the heating system are not part of the first priority of the capital improvement

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Old Friends

An observer from afar can often remind us of the goodness we frequently take for granted.

In this case, the observer charges us to appreciate our good, loving friends.

We recently received a copy of the following epistle, addressed to Jack Habit and Clarence Leary, which evokes memories of old friends.

It verifies the rhyme we used to sing as a child, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold."

Dear Jack and Clarence:

I unfolded "The Chowan Herald" the other day and saw looking at me, from a rather large front page photograph, the eyes of two guys I vaguely remember growing up with. But I'm sure the printer made a mistake in the caption; either that or there are two older gentlemen running around the streets of Edenton using your names.

Funny, I hadn't thought of it until now, but as my Father looked back at me from my mirror this morning (guess I've aged a bit myself!), he said "why don't you drop them a note and just say hello? So, here I am.

I've lost touch with Edenton since my Mother moved up here several years ago. She does get the "Herald" and dutifully passes it along to me. It is good to see and read occasionally about someone I knew. In fact, as I approach 65 more and more closely, I find myself thinking that it might not be a bad idea to retire in Edenton. At least I already know all the streets!

I tried to stir up some interest several years ago in a high school reunion. Talked to Yates Parrish about it but we could never get enough people interested to do anything about it. The class of '44 only had 21 people in it; some of those must be dead. I also talked to West Byrum some time back - trying to find out if he knew any of the addresses. Dick Dixon, too.

This past summer, when I was at Nags Head - as we always are for a while - I went over to visit the newly covered grave of "Doc" Davis. There was a man's man, a gentleman, a former employer and teacher of mine. I was there the day they were burying Elton Boswell - shortly after Tom Cross also died. I felt a little older that day.

Well, I've given up on the class reunion. I guess 40 years is a little too late. But I did want to let you know that I had seen the picture and enjoyed it. Clarence, you look as if you could still play a bass horn. And Jack, the gray hair looks distinguished. Gray hair is better than none - which is what I have. By the way, whatever happened to George? I don't think I've seen either of you since we used to swim off the old Fish Hatchery dock. And at that time, the last thing we would have been interested in would have been community involvement.

Congratulations to both of you. Take care of yourselves and take care of Edenton. She's not just the "Cradle of the Colony", she's the "Queen of the Colony" as well

Best regards,
Gurnie Hobbs
Bowie, Maryland

cc: The Chowan Herald

Defendants Fail To Appear Before District Court Session

The Chowan County District Court was in session March 6, the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman presiding.

Troy Brothers, found guilty of possession of malt beverage while under 19 years of age, fined \$25 and cost of court.

Samatha Perry, found guilty of possession of malt beverage while under 19 years of age, fined \$25 fine and cost of court.

Bennie Frank Savage, found guilty of driving while impaired and no operator's license. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended two years. He is also to attend ADET school and contribute 24 hours of community service. He was also fined \$50.

Boris D. Anthony, found guilty of possession of a controlled substance and contribute to the delinquency of a minor. Both cases were consolidated for judgment. He was sentenced to six months



DOWNTOWN PARKING—This helicopter landed in the waterfront park on Monday, March 5. The helicopter belongs to a Charlotte television station that was filming a one minute public service spot, a 400th minute. A re-enactment of the Edenton Tea Party was filmed at the Cupola House while the helicopter waited in the park.



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FAMILY FOCUS—Chowan Home Extension Agent Theresa Ford looks on as County Commissioners Chairman Alton Elmore signs a proclamation making March 25-31 "Focus on the Family Week".

Ag Extension Gears Up For Focus On The Family Week

Chowan County agricultural extension workers are gearing up for a four-year Focus on the Family as part of the organization's People's Plan 87.

"We are participating in a statewide Focus on the Family Week March 25 - 31," says Theresa Ford, Home Economics Agent.

A broad range of activities are planned for the week, including a family film, "Cipher in the Snow" Monday, March 26 at the Municipal Building (4 P.M.); a Family Fair at the American Legion Building Thursday, March 29 from 5:00 until 8:00; and a county-wide poster contest.

"Strengthening families by teaching them to apply research-based knowledge has been a major mission of ours since Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in

1914," Ford said. "But we do feel that families today are under a lot of economic, social and political stress. That is why this area is receiving extra emphasis right now."

"Chowan County Commissioners Chairman Alton Elmore signed a proclamation Tuesday in observance of this special week," Ford added.

The proclamation notes that the family is the most fundamental and important social institution in this society, forging values underlying national stability and continuity.

In the proclamation, the County Commissioners state that the well-being and stability of the family in this technological, rapidly changing age is of increasing concern to many educators, persons working with families, policymakers and families themselves.

"Extension has significant program resources to assist in the strengthening of family values. We are available to individuals, groups and other professionals dealing with families," Ford emphasized.

For more information about how you or your organization can contribute to the observation of Focus on the Family Week, stop by or write the county agricultural extension office at the County Office Building or call 482-8431.

Chowan SPCA Meeting Slated

The Chowan County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will hold an organizational meeting at the Edenton Municipal Building this Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

SPCA leaders urge all those concerned with the welfare of animals to attend.

Council Meets Vepco Officials

By Maru Amburn

The Town Council met in executive session Monday to discuss electricity options with Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) officials.

The meeting stemmed from the Council's continued disillusionment with the Electricities establishment.

At their January 10 meeting, the Council authorized Mayor Roy Harrell to discuss with and seek advice from VEPCO in an attempt to resolve the town's electrical situation. The Mayor drafted a letter to VEPCO in January stating his intention to discuss electrical options with the Virginia power agency.

On Monday the Council consulted with VEPCO representatives on the life of the August 1981 contract with Electricities, the potential for the town generating its own electricity and other possible options.

"VEPCO came down as a good-will gesture" Town Manager Sam Noble said "They weren't here trying to recruit another electrical customer."

Jordan Ready For Lt. Governership

By Maru Amburn

Because North Carolina's Governor does not have veto power, the Lt. Governor is the most important Lt. Governor in the nation, according to candidate Bob Jordan.

The State Senator from Mt. Gilead described the importance of the second most important job in North Carolina to a large group of

supporters at Boswell's Restaurant last Wednesday night.

"My opponent, Carl Stewart, thinks the Lt. Governership is a part-time job. I believe it is a full-time job," Jordan said.

The fact that the Governor does not have a veto gives full power over the deliberations of the State Senate to the Lt. Governor, Jordan

contended.

"The Lt. Governor appoints members of all Senate committees and assigns bills to the committees," Jordan said.

Jordan, who has been in the State Senate since 1977, is Chairman of the Base Budget Committee. He

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CANDIDATE IN EDENTON—Chowan County campaign managers Herbert Hollowell and Allen Harless discuss election strategy with Lt. Governor candidate Bob Jordan at Boswell's last Wednesday.

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