



C. Christopher Bean

Bean To Manage Thornburg Bid

C. Christopher Bean of Edenton has been named to manage the Chowan County Thornburg for Attorney General campaign.

Judge Lacy Thornburg, 54, is the Democratic nominee for the attorney general's post. He faces no opposition in the May primary.

In addition to the completion of campaign organizations in all of North Carolina's 100 counties, Thornburg's election efforts have been boosted by the announcement of four key endorsements.

He has recently been endorsed by the 52,000 member N.C. association of Educators, the 145,000 member N.C. State AFL-CIO, the 400,000 General Baptist State Convention, and the Fraternal Order of Police.

A three term state legislator and veteran Superior Court judge, Thornburg seeks to replace present Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor.

"I want to make the office of attorney general the best possible example of honest, hard-working and responsible state government," Thornburg said.

Investigation Continues In Shooting Death

By Ron Anderson

The investigation is continuing into the shooting death of a Portsmouth, Va. police detective whose body was found floating face down in Warrick Swamp near the Gates and Chowan County line early Sunday morning, March 18.

The body of Garland L. Joyner, 39, a member of the Portsmouth Police Department of 14 years was found close to 7:15 A.M. Sunday after a motorist reported seeing an

abandoned car along the roadside four feet from the bridge over the swamp on the Gates County side.

Chowan County Sheriff Troy Toppin said that when he arrived on the scene he found a gray 1977 Datsun sedan, believed to have been borrowed by Joyner, parked on the Gates County side of the county line. Three of the car's doors were open and its back window had been shot out. Toppin said that there was no sign of fowl play or any blood on

the road.

When the sheriff looked over the bridge he saw Joyner's body floating in the water below. The body was clad in a T-shirt, pants and shoes.

Toppin said that Joyner was dead from a single gunshot fired into his left chest.

Gates County Sheriff Ray Harrell and the N.C. SBI was notified and the investigation was begun into a case which contains few leads.

Olivia Mundie, who lives in Gates County less than 300 yards from where the body was found, said that she and her husband, Keith, heard three successive shots fired close to 5:00 A.M. Sunday morning. Thirty seconds later they heard another shot.

The couple said the shots sounded like they came from a rifle or a high powered hand gun. They didn't call the authorities because they thought the shots came from hunters spotlighting deer and that by the time the authorities could get there the hunters would have left.

Two guns were found at the scene: a .38 caliber service revolver which was found in the swamp near Joyner's hand and a 9mm automatic which was found on the rear seat of the Datsun. It is believed that the bullet in the left side of Joyner's chest came from the .38.

"We have no leads as to why the police officer was down here," Sheriff Toppin said. "We know he was coming to meet someone, but we're trying to find out who that is."

Joyner did tell a friend that he had to meet some men involved in a special investigation he was making.

Toppin has been broadcasting a



MYSTERY—Sheriff Toppin looks down from the Highway 32 bridge on the Chowan-Gates Co. line into the Warrick Swamp. The Sheriff found the body of a Portsmouth Police Officer floating in the swamp on Sunday morning, March 18.

Public Parade

Hospice

"I'm sorry, there's really nothing else we can do."

When patients and families receive this message from their doctor, the reaction may vary from shock, to rage, to despair.

But now, in some 45 communities in North and South Carolina, an organization called "Hospice" shows that there is a great deal we can do for terminally-ill patients and for their families.

Hospice is already organized nearby in Bertie, Gates, Hertford, and Northhampton counties. Attempts are being made to establish such a program in Chowan County.

Hospice recognizes that people are not simply a conglomeration of symptoms. They are whole persons whose minds, hearts, and spirits need care from a variety of sources as they cope with the realization that death is approaching. It can provide for those needs by creating teams of doctors, nurses, clergy, social workers, therapists, and trained volunteers -- all of whom work with the patient and the family to relieve pain, anxiety, depression, and to maintain the dignity of those involved.

Hospice services are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and have recently been approved by Congress for Medicare reimbursement.

Medicare alone will not solve Hospice's funding problems. Funding is the continual problem of all not-for-profit programs. But this is not the only hurdle the Hospice effort faces.

Interested people in Chowan County are discovering that the enthusiasm is tremendous, but that is a slow process from the original idea to the actuality.

Judi Lund, executive director of the state-wide agency, Hospice of North Carolina said: "It is a serious undertaking to start a Hospice. It takes effort, coordination and cooperation. Most hospices begin with those one of two special people who see what it can mean to their community and are determined to provide this service to others."

Kay Whedbee (338-2167) with Home Health Services in Elizabeth City is the Hospice coordinator for the Albemarle Area. Those who are interested in becoming certified Hospice volunteers can attend sessions at Holmes High School which begin next Thursday, March 27 from 7:00 until 9:30 P.M.

According to Lund, finding patients is not a problem. Nor, surprisingly, is it difficult to find board members and volunteers who are willing to undertake the necessary Hospice training. "The people are all there, even when the money isn't. And so is the willingness to work and to share and to care."

And that's what Hospice is really all about.

CRC Stays Tough

The Coastal Resources Commission is once again meeting in Northeastern North Carolina. Dr. Parker Chesson, chairman, and Charles Wells, vice chairman, will host the group Thursday and Friday at Elizabeth City in the Isle of Pasquotank.

The commission, one of the most important in the state, has had its share of controversy. The Coastal Area Management Act is the most amended piece of legislation to be passed by the General Assembly. While CAMA has withstood efforts to be abolished, as well as challenges in court, it continues to be an agenda item.

One of the saving graces of CAMA is its tie to local government and the grassroots. This is mandated in the act, but it takes strong commission members to continuously make the hard decisions.

CRC has always had strong leadership. At the present time both the chairman and vice chairman reside in Elizabeth City. Dr.

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Town Water Rate Increase Effective May 1

By Maru Amburn

Water rates for the average Edenton household will increase over two dollars a month and out-of-town and industrial customers will be hit harder when a town rate increase takes effect.

The rate increase, scheduled to begin on May 1, was approved by the Town Council by a voice vote in a special meeting Tuesday.

The new rate structure is intended to provide for total system cost recovery for fiscal years 1984-1987.

Four alternative rate structures were presented to the council by Ford Chambliss representing the Raleigh engineering firm of L. E. Wooten and Company.

Monthly water bills for the Edenton residential customer using 5,000 gallons of water per month will increase from \$5.35 to \$7.55.

In comparing Edenton rates with those of other local municipalities, Elizabeth City is higher across-the-board and Hertford generally has lower rates than the new rates adopted by the council.

According to Town Manager Sam

Noble, water revenues were not adequate to meet the water-related portion of the Town's public works budget.

Chambliss agreed that, "The town is coming very close to losing money on base cost and is in need of rate adjustments."

"The lowest rate is currently too low," he continued. "There is an inherent inequity between in-town and out-of-town users."

"The Town of Edenton's current rate charges too much to the small user and too little to the large user," Chambliss said.

The town's only out-of-town water customer is Chowan County, Noble noted. The water rate charged to the county will increase from 85 cents per 1000 gallons to \$1.25 per 1000 gallons.

L. E. Wooten Company advised the town in a September 1983 water rate study that a publicly owned utility need not be a profit-making entity, but that rate should be designed to provide for the operation, maintenance and administration of the utility.

The new town water rate plan provides that interest earned from capital reserve funds will be used to increase the reserve, rather than

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Gilliam, Jones To Appear In Telecast

GREENVILLE—State Rep. John Gillam of Windsor, candidate for Congress, and his opponent, U.S. Rep. Walter Jones Sr., will both be featured in a public television profile of the 1st Congressional District race on March 23 and 25.

The political program "Stateline" will broadcast at 7:30 P.M. Friday and 12:30 P.M. Sunday on Channel 25 in Greenville, Channel 2 in Columbia, Channel 4 on cable television and Channel 19 in Trenton.

In his newsletter, Jones said the program would feature him in a portrayal of the life of a congressman.

WUNC-TV reporter Marc Fin-
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State Clean-Up Effort To Begin

By Maru Amburn

Chowan County will participate in the annual state-wide litter clean-up effort, according to County Commissioners Chairman Alton Elmore.

"In the past, we have not organized public participation in the clean-up campaign," Elmore said. "This year, we want to get as many individuals involved as possible."

The County has requested that county employees volunteer their

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NEW DEPUTY - Chowan County's new Deputy Sheriff, Jerome Harrell, was sworn in by the Honorable J. Richard Parker Tuesday, March 20 in the Chowan County Courthouse.

Harrell Sworn In As New Deputy For County By Judge J. R. Parker

By Ron Anderson

Jerome Harrell, Rt. 2 Box 164A, Edenton, was officially sworn in as a Chowan County Deputy Sheriff by The Honorable J. Richard Parker, District Court Judge, in the Chowan County Courthouse at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, March 20.

Harrell, 30, is a native of Chowan County and a graduate of John A. Holmes High School. He served three years in the US Army and has been a jailer for the county for close to four years.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said that things have really changed since he became a deputy, "At that time,"

Toppin said, "they just swore you in and told you to go to it."

But times have changed. Before he could even be sworn in, Harrell had to have a medical examination by a licensed physician; be of good moral character as determined by a thorough background investigation; complete an occupational aptitude test; be fingerprinted and meet other minimum standards.

Also all new deputies are now placed on a six month probation period. During this time, Harrell must complete 240 hours of basic training along with performing the regular duties of a Deputy Sheriff.

Trial Of Murder Suspects Set

Chowan County Superior Court will meet Monday, March 26. Judge Elbert S. Peel, Jr. will preside over the criminal 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.

Two of the men, Clyde Alexander Leary, 20, of Edenton and Donald Vernal Bready, 29, of New York City are 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 robbery.

The cases were continued from the January 30 Special Session of Superior Court because of difficulties with an essential witness for the state.

Also scheduled on the calendar is the sentencing of three men, Larry Wayne Sanders, Mitchell Duke Ivey, and David Singletary, who have all been tried in connection with the June 1982 burning of the Elliott House.

SPRING IS HERE - Spring officially arrived at 5:25 A.M. Tuesday, March 20. The dictionary describes spring as "that season of the year in which plants begin to grow after lying dormant all winter". This daffodil is just one example of the thousands of plants in Chowan County beginning to grow after a long winter. (Staff photo by Ron Anderson)