

Council Agrees To Reconsider Designating King St. One-Way

By Maru Amburn

The Town Council, in a special meeting Tuesday, reconsidered their earlier action making a section of King Street one-way.

At their regular meeting March 13, the council accepted a proposal by the Public Works Committee to make King Street one-way west-bound from Oakum to Broad Street effective April 1.

Mayor Roy Harrell and Mayor pro tem Steve Hampton cited complaints from local merchants and area residents in their decision to bring the matter before the council.

"Merchants feel the biggest problem is when trucks are loading and unloading" on the corner of Broad Street and King Street, the Mayor said. "The DOT (consultant) problem was with trucks parking on the sidewalk rather than traffic or anything else."

Marina Crumme, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, advised that the town "enforce 'no parking' signs regardless of decision (on making street one-way)."

Town Manager Sam Noble suggested that the council call for enforcement of no parking and matters.

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Leary To Address Local Democrats

Clarence Leary, Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the Chowan County Democratic Convention on Saturday, April 14, at 1:00 P.M., Lueta Sellers, County Chairman, announced today. The convention will be held at the Chowan Courthouse on Broad St.

Leary is a past chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Party and has been active in a number of campaigns for candidates and issues. He is currently Chowan County Finance Chairman in Governor James B. Hunt's race for the U.S. Senate. Leary will be addressing the benefits of party unity in Chowan County.

Heading the convention's agenda will be the election of ten delegates to the district and state conventions. In addition, two members each to the Judicial District, State Senate District, and State House District executive committees will be elected for two year terms. The purpose of these latter committees is to fill vacancies in the respective seat if death or resignation occurs of an elected official.

Consideration of a number of resolutions will also be given by the delegates at the County Convention. The resolutions passed by the County Convention will be forwarded to the Democratic State Platform Committee.

Lueta Sellers is representing the First Congressional District on the State Platform Committee. "The county convention is an important link in the series of Democratic conventions leading from the precinct up to the National convention," Chairman Sellers noted. "We hope to elect strong representatives for Chowan County to the district and state conventions, and to debate key issues facing our county, state and nation."

Democrats wishing to observe Chowan County delegates in action at the County Convention are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

loading zone areas for one month to see if that alleviates the traffic problem.

The council agreed to delay the April 1 target date pending further study and to enforce parking ordinances all over town.

In other business, the council hired Davis & Spivey to act as the guardian ad litem in certain tax foreclosure cases at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

Town Attorney Christopher Bean advised the council to hire Davis & Spivey because of a federal government requirement under the Seamen and Shippers Act that guardians must be appointed. Bean noted that he had "talked to Tim (Davis) about it last week."

Council members also recommended that the mayor express the council's displeasure with the "weighted vote" under North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency rules.

"Six or seven towns out of 32 control the vote (of the power agency)," Mayor Harrell charged. "Before we are through we hope that all towns have the prerogative to vote."

A resolution supporting the one-town-one vote policy at NCEMPA meetings passed unanimously. Council members also advised Noble to send copies of the resolution to all 32 towns.

The Town Council then entered executive session to discuss the CATV suit.

Holley Is Charged In Shooting Death

Haywood Perry, 39, of 101 Gale Circle was shot to death in front of the Bluebird Cafe on East Albemarle St. on Friday, March 23 around 8:40 P.M.

The Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad rushed Perry to Chowan Hospital where he was pronounced dead of a single gunshot wound to the chest.

Soon after the shooting, Donald Ray Holley, 27, of 128 E. Albemarle St. turned himself in to Edenton Police. He was charged with murder and placed in Chowan County jail.

"They were having an argument over something," said Edenton Police Chief Parrish. Parrish said he did not know what the argument was about.

Holley remains in the county jail without bond. A probable cause hearing has been set for April 17.

Capt. C.H. Williams, Sgt. G.K. Bonner and Patrolmen L.C. Brothers, Leonard Bonner and Bill Philips were the Edenton police officers who aided in the investigation.

Annual Testing Now Underway

By Maru Amburn

Annual testing is underway in grades 1,2,3,6 and 9 in North Carolina public schools, involving over 400,000 of the state's 1.4 million students.

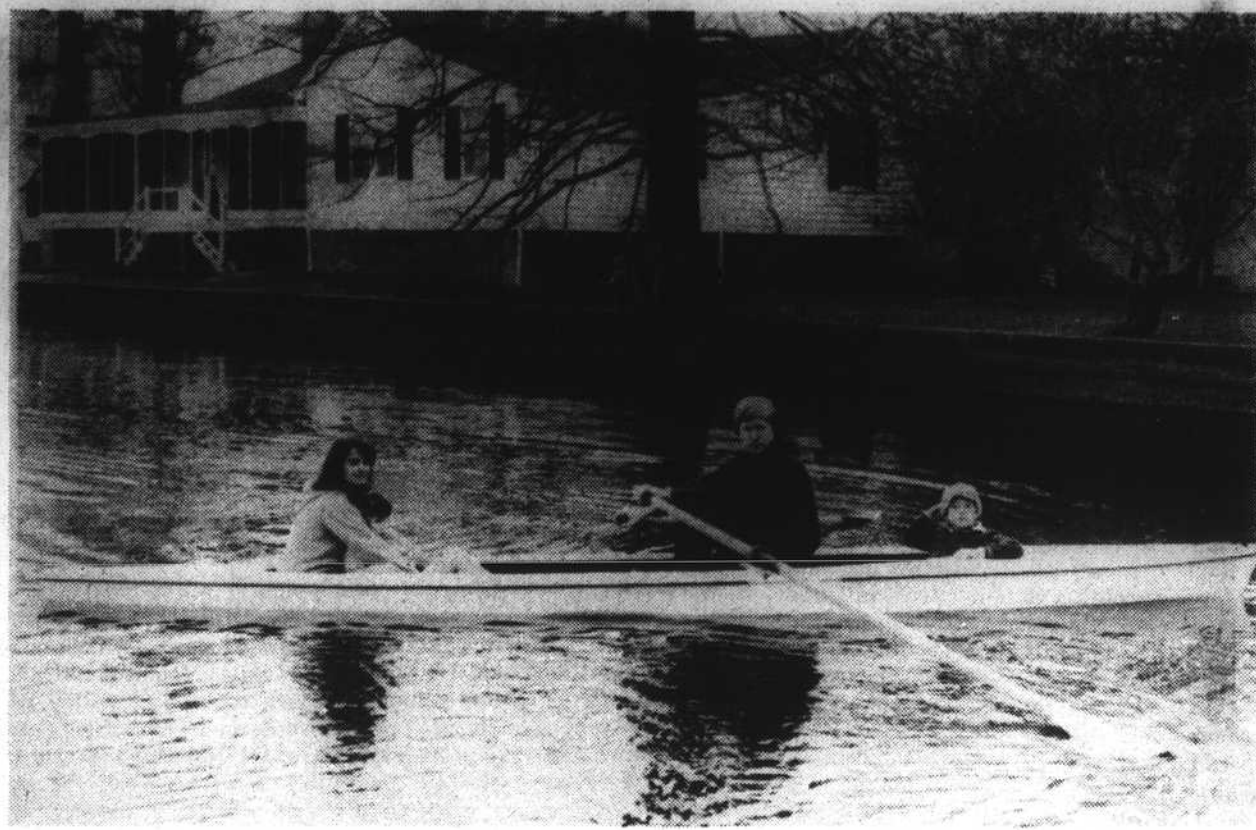
According to Bob Evans, director of the statewide testing programs for the State Department of Public Instruction, tests began during late March and are expected to be completed in all school systems by April 5.

Scores have maintained or improved each year since the state funded testing began for selected grade levels in the 1977-78 school year Evans said. Many school systems, including the Edenton-Chowan system, provide similar testing at other grade levels with local funds.

Mary Horton, coordinator of testing for the local school system, said in an interview that Edenton-Chowan schools test students at each grade level with the exception of the 10th grade.

"Tenth graders take an interest inventory evaluation, which gives the students an idea of their interest

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FAMILY SCULLING—Gary and Lynn Wooten and their children, Kurt and Erica, enjoy a spring afternoon Monday in their 18 foot boat. The children can even handle the 10 foot oars under the direction of their parents. This togetherness exemplifies the goal of FOCUS ON THE FAMILY WEEK, March 25-31.

Singletary Gets Three Years For Arson

By Ron Anderson

James David Singletary, the Herford lawyer who was convicted on four counts of arson in January for burning the Elliott house on Rt. 32, was sentenced to a three year prison term by Judge Elbert Peel, Jr. in Chowan Superior Court on Monday, March 26.

The case was appealed and Singletary was disbarred in N.C.

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

In the January session of Chowan Superior Court a 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.

On Monday before the sentencing, defense attorney, Stephen R. Burch, and special prosecutor Joan Byers, said they had no new evidence to add to the case.

In arguments presented prior to sentencing, the lawyers gave their reasons why they felt that Singletary should or should not receive an active prison term.

Burch asked the Judge to remember that no aggravating circumstances occurred as a result of the fire and said that his client was not present when the house was being burned.

"I feel like it was a case of an attorney being used by a client," he said. "I don't think there was any criminal intent and there was no financial gain for my client."

Burch reminded the judge of Singletary's good reputation in the community that was attested to by numerous character witnesses called by Burch during the trial.

"It's very unfortunate that he sits here today convicted of these crimes" the defense attorney said.

Burch asked the judge to weigh Singletary as he would any citizen. "The same rules of due-process and ends of justice apply to all," Burch said.

He said that he wanted what was best for the state and said that a prison term for Singletary was not

Farless Selected

The North Carolina Rural Water Association (NCRWA) last Wednesday selected Graham Farless as a member of its Board of Directors. Farless is Director of the Chowan County Water Department.

NCRWA divides the state into four geographic regions with each represented on the Association Board with three directors.

Farless was selected as one of the three Board of Directors to represent 25 counties in eastern North Carolina. The counties Farless represents are Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecomb, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, and Wilson. Wayne Dickens of Halifax County and Jack Mason of Hyde County will also represent Region 1.

The theme of the annual two-day

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in the best interest of the state. He asked for a suspended probationary sentence for his client.

State Prosecuting Attorney Joan Byers reminded the court that Singletary was now convicted, no longer only accused, of four counts of arson. She also said that aggravating circumstances did in fact result from the fire.

"There are very few mitigating circumstances present except that Singletary doesn't have a record," she said. "What would be good for the state is for Singletary to serve a prison term."

Byers suggested that Singletary learned the tools of arson from "known arsonist Bud Waylan White."

"The general consensus is that a lawyer can get away with anything," she said. "We should show the public that this is not true,

(because) disrespect for the officers of the court brings all society down".

She added that Singletary should be disbarred for bringing shame to the bar.

After hearing the arguments, Judge Peel called for a ten minute recess before returning to the courtroom and sentencing Singletary to three years.

Besides Singletary, four other men were charged in the June 2, 1982 burning of the Elliott House on Rt. 32.

Two of the men, Michell Duke Ivey, 36, Hertford, and Larry Wayne Sanders, 35, Morgans Corner, have plead guilty to burning the building.

The other two men, Peter Rosenthal and Luckie Douglas Cartwright, 35, Hertford, have yet to be

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APPRECIATION—On March 26 Jaycees Red Cross Blood Drive Chairman Bruce Wackelin (right) presented Jimmy Bryan, Chowan Hospital Administrator a plaque of appreciation. The plaque is a way of saying thank you to the hospital for providing a permanent site for the Bloodmobile.

Voters Must Register Soon

Chowan County residents wanting to vote in the May 8 Democratic and Republican primaries must register by April 9.

Only voters registered with their county board of elections as affiliated with the Democratic Party may vote in the Democratic Primary. Voters affiliated with the Republican Party may vote in the Republican Primary.

Those persons registered as unaffiliated will be allowed to vote for the Non-Partisan Board of Education only.

A voter who wishes to change party affiliation, or who has moved since last election, must make that change with the Election Office by the same date.

A Chowan County resident may register to vote at the Board of Elections in the Courthouse between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or by appointment with a precinct register or judge, or special registration commissioner.

Voters should change their registration if they have moved from one precinct to another, mov-

ed to another address in the same precinct, or had a name change.

Any voter who will be out of the county the entire time the polls are open on primary day, or who will be unable to go to the polls because of sickness or disability, may vote by absentee ballot. The voter may apply for an absentee ballot until May 3 at 5:00 P.M. Applicants must be made in person or in writing to the County Board of Elections.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the County Board of Elections office by May 7.

The following registrars and judges are authorized to register voters: East Edenton- Mrs. Andrew Whitson, Mrs. W.E. Mills, and Mrs. Rudolph Dale; West Edenton- Mrs. Carroll W. Jones, Mrs. Michael J. McArthur, and Mrs. David O. Wright; Rocky Hock- Mr. Stanley Hege, Mrs. Pat Harrell, and Mr. Paul Ober; Center Hill- Mrs. Emmett Jones, Mrs. Glorious Elliott, and Mr. Glenn E. Rogerson; Wardville- Mrs. Lester Ray Copeland, Mrs. James Lilly, and Mrs. Lester R. Lane; Yeopim- Mrs. Tom Palmer, Mrs. Sarah Margaret

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Public Parade

Deserve Better

It is essential to Northeastern North Carolina for the State Department of Transportation to continuously monitor factors affecting the area. Roads have a direct bearing on everything, whether they are improved or maintained.

There is complete agreement with an editorial Friday in our favorite afternoon daily of general circulation along the Public Parade. Northeastern Tar Heelia does need better treatment on road problems. While the editorial focused on U.S. 158 through Currituck County, it must be remembered that an adequate—not elaborate—highway system is everyone's backbone. Like the sales tax, it affects, in some manner or another, practically everything we do.

In past years there has been considerable focus on U.S. 17 and making it a North-South corridor remains a priority. The Albemarle Area Development Association has tasted success in getting the 10-county region to be unified on highways as well as other critical matters.

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Being Considerate

It is time to rattle the trash cans again along the Public Parade. While a majority of the citizens hereabouts appreciate the convenience of town and county ordinances, the slim minority should be more considerate, with regards to disposal practices.

Garbage and trash are two different things. In the society in which we live, both are problems. This is a reason for dealing with them separately.

Both the Town of Edenton and Chowan County have adequate ordinances to cover the broad subject. They have certain designated days and/or places for the proper disposal of both garbage and trash. The time and location is supported financially by tax dollars. When these ordinances are abused (by breaking them) the culprit is not being considerate of the other fellow and is hurting himself.

In the town, personnel with proper vehicles make designated rounds to pick up garbage; others to gather up trash. The men and machines are not supposed to handle both but a very creditable job is done, which gives Edenton a reputation of being one of the cleanest municipalities anywhere.

Chowan County is also in the business of refuse collection, operating a sanitary landfill in conjunction with Perquimans County. And while there is a stiff fine for breaking ordinances governing the disposal at container sites, some citizens show little consideration for their neighbors through flagrant

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