

Congressman Fauntroy Urges Civic League: Continue Efforts For Increased Registration

By Maru Amburn

A crowd of 300 heard Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, (D-DC), make a challenge that with increased black voter registration, President Reagan's "reign of error" could be ended. Fauntroy addressed the Fourth Annual Edenton-Chowan Civic League Banquet Friday night.

Using flamboyant humor and biblical parallels, Fauntroy inspired the audience to three standing ovations.

The civic league was organized in September 1977 with the goal of instilling in all citizens the importance of registering to vote, emphasizing that a "voteless" people is a "hopeless" people, according to league president A. C. Hudson's opening remarks.

In his hour-long speech, Fauntroy said that by "mastering the arithmetic of our political power," blacks could be the deciding factor in the November general election.

If 25 percent of the unregistered blacks in 24 states would register, they could defeat Reagan in 1984. Also, Fauntroy contended that with increased registration in North Carolina blacks could also defeat U.S. Senator Jesse Helms.

Fauntroy, who ranks fifth in seniority on the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, placed the burden of

America's economic ills on the current administration's transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich.

"Ronald Reagan and the conservative rich of this country have been leading the American people astray," the black leader said.

"Rather than rebuilding existing plants, these rich businessmen have taken their Reagan tax relief and used it to invest in foreign countries with cheap labor."

"People in North Carolina will look at their tax returns and know that this (administration) is no

good," Fauntroy added.

A Yale Divinity School graduate and minister of New Bethel Baptist Church Fauntroy called for a coalition of blacks and whites with goodwill to end the "Reagan war on the poor."

"We may have come over here in different ships, but we're in the same boat now," he joked.

Fauntroy, who is an advisor on Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign, challenged those in attendance to follow the "Black Leader-

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RAPT ATTENTION—Local black leaders heard the address of Congressman Walter Fauntroy at the annual Edenton-Chowan Civic League Banquet Friday night. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Ruth Frinks, Congressman Fauntroy, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Hudson and Mrs. James Fenner.



County Residents To Receive Tax Increase For 1984-85 Fire Budget

By Maru Amburn

County citizens who live outside Edenton's town limits will pay an extra half-cent fire tax, if the proposed 1984-85 county budget is approved next week. The fire tax increase is slated to go into effect July 1.

Residents of the fire district, who currently pay 3.5 cents per \$100 valuation will be required to pay more following Monday's action by the county commissioners.

The commissioners wanted to

hold the line on taxes, but their budgeted allotments for Town of Edenton fire and recreation services fell short of Edenton's budget request.

The county is in a contractual agreement with the town for these services. When the town challenged the county provide increased funding the county had no choice but to accept, according to a county official.

Town officials contended that their request for 33 percent fire

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Town Council

By Maru Amburn

In their regular meeting Tuesday, the town council approved an airport layout and growth plan which will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration. Federal funding may be available in one - two years for airport renovation, the project engineer predicted.

Dain Riley, of Parrish and Associates in Raleigh, who was given the task of creating the 20 year refurbishing plan, said, "The forecast predicts pavement, hanger, and runway needs."

Riley advised that the current runways should be both narrowed and shortened in order to make the airport more cost-efficient.

The engineer also proposed that much of the town's existing property near the airport, be used for industrial development which would not interfere with the airport operation.

"Take the vast acreage out of airport usage and put it into industrial use," Riley said.

Riley also contended that the town will need to consider building

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Being Foolish

The Safe Road Act of 1983 is now eight months old and people are treating it like old hat. And motorists know the odds are against them if they drink and drive. They are being foolish.

A recently released study shows drunken driving cases are climbing. There was a decline in accidents during the first six months (October-March) but as arrests increase, so do mishaps.

The tough DWI law is causing more to hear the jail door slam. The public knows this, yet they test the system by being foolish.

A study of court records shows more people arrested for drunken driving are pleading guilty. At the same time the state's conviction rate hovers at 94 percent as arrests dropped 31 percent.

Motorists seem now to be getting bolder. In the face of mounting odds of arrest and jail, not to mention being involved in an accident, people are becoming "laid back" after a blitz. They are being foolish.

Guest Editorial

The following is a timely challenge from WRAL-TV on the issue of health care fraud:

Almost every day we hear something about the public being cheated, defrauded, or taken advantage of in some way. There seems to always be someone trying to get something for nothing.

But few things arouse us to anger and frustration like the recent report from the House of Representatives' "Select Committee on Aging" estimating that health fraud cost the elderly approximately 10 billion a year. The report said that people age 65 and older represent less than 12 percent of the nation's population, but were the victims of 60 percent of all health-care fraud and estimated that elderly people spent four to five billion dollars a year on bogus cancer cures, two billion a year on questionable arthritis cures, and at least two billion a year on worthless products that claim to counteract the effects of aging.

In other words, there are untold numbers of unscrupulous entrepreneurs preying upon the nation's senior citizens, taking advantage of their pain, suffering, discomfort and vulnerability to sell them products that they know will not cure their ailments or ease their pain.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission, two government watchdog agencies designed to protect the elderly, either don't have enough money or personnel to catch and convict these fraudulent operators or put them out of business.

Health fraud, in cases of cancer and diabetes, can be life-threatening. You can't cure arthritis with sand disguised as moon dust, or cancer and diabetes with a \$300.00 tube containing a penny's worth of barium chloride.

They say, "A squeaking wheel gets the grease". We hope this situation makes you angry enough to squeak loud enough to your Representative in Congress that they feel mandated to pass more stringent laws to protect the elderly against health fraud and make their enforcement a priority.



Nancy A. Rich

Mrs. Rich Chosen Symphony Officer

Nancy A. Rich, wife of Simon Rich, has been chosen the 1985 membership chairman for the Chowan Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony.

A native of Wayne, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Rich, who holds a BA from Duke and a MS from Temple, lives at Jubilee Farm with her family.

"I am happy to serve as membership chairman for the symphony in Chowan County; for, I have been interested in classical music since my childhood. Our school children are the beneficiaries of the money collected from this drive," stated Mrs. Rich.

The entire local symphony board will serve as Mrs. Rich's committee. The membership drive will begin July 24, 1984.

Sanders, Cartwright Sentenced

By Ron Anderson

The last of five people involved in the June 2, 1982 burning of the Elliott House on Route 32 were sentenced last week in Pasquotank County Superior Court.

Larry Wayne Sanders, 35, and Douglas "Luckie" Cartwright, 36, both received five year suspended sentences with five year supervised probation for their participation in the burning.

The two men however received active prison sentences in another arson case. Sanders was sentenced to an active five months in the Albemarle District Jail on arson charges involving the burning of a house owned by Bonnie White located on Center Hill in Perquimans County.

Cartwright, who plead guilty to arson charges involving the Perquimans County house and the sale and delivery of cocaine, was sentenced to six months in the Albemarle District Jail.

Both Cartwright and Sanders of-

fered testimony in the Chowan and Perquimans arson cases.

In March, Hertford attorney James D. Singletary was convicted on four arson charges involving the Elliott House burning. He was sentenced to three years in jail, a judgement which he appealed.

Cartwright was the key prosecution witness in the Singletary trial. On the witness stand he admitted that he and two other men burned down the house after being instructed to do so by Singletary.

Mitchell Duke Ivey, 37, and Peter Rosenthal, 45, were the other men charged with the burning.

Ivey received a four year suspended sentence with five years supervised probation in Chowan County Superior Court this month.

Rosenthal received a one year suspended sentence with one year supervised probation and a \$10,000 fine in Dare County Superior Court last month. Rosenthal pleaded no contest in the conspiracy charges.

Services Held For McDonald Dixon

McDonald Dixon, an Edenton native, died Sunday, June 17 after a long illness. He was 86.

Dixon was a former resident of both Edenton and Elizabeth City who had recently moved to Brethaven Rest Home in Nags Head. He retired as a consignee of the Sinclair Oil Corporation in 1961 after beginning the operation since 1938.

A civic and church leader, Dixon was a member of St. Andrews by the Sea Episcopal Church in Nags Head; past president of the Edenton Rotary Club; and former treasurer of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A trustee of Elizabeth City State University for 14 years, he was chairman of the Board at the college for seven years.

Dixon was a former vestry

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Optimist Club Announces Fourth Of July Activities

Boat" vehicles will be on display from 11:30 A.M. at Holmes High School until the 1 P.M. race which will be in the Edenton Bay by the cannons.

Other activities will include games and boat rides from 2 - 6 P.M., tours of the America II and a demonstration by the N.C.

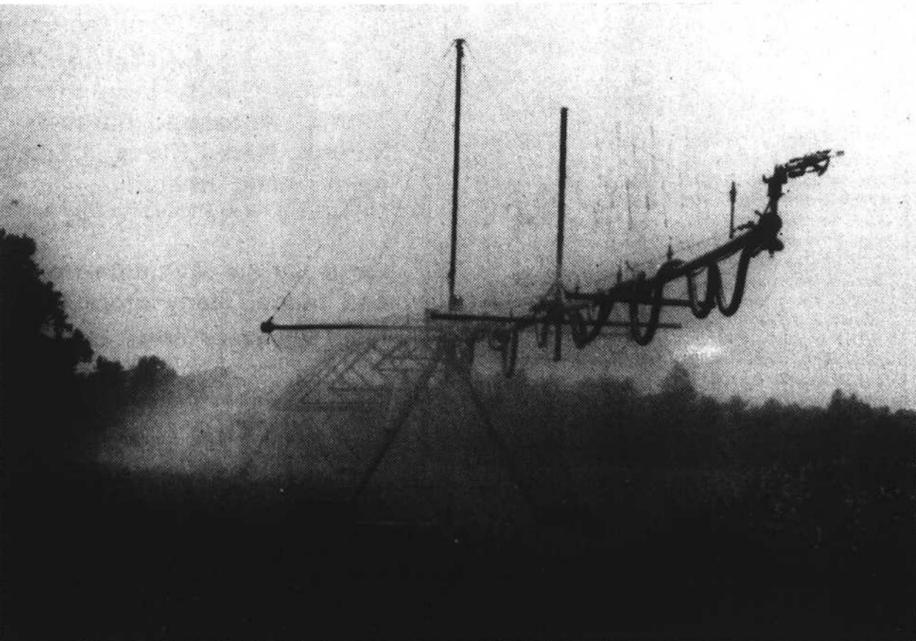
Wildlife Water Safety Team.

Varied entertainment will sound throughout the afternoon and evening beginning at 2:15 P.M. Scheduled to appear are the Albemarle Pops Orchestra, the Good Ol' Boys, Steve Banks, Albemarle Brass, Harmony Belles, Oak Stump Stompers, Andy Faircloth, Chowan

County Bluegrass, and Oakwood.

Concessions will open at 12 noon and be available through the "Fabulous Fourth of July" fireworks display at 9:30 P.M. over the Edenton Bay.

The Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club invites the youth from 1 to 100 to join them on the 4th.



RAINMAKING MACHINES—Because of the recent heat and lack of rain, Chowan County farmers have been putting their irrigation systems to use. This particular system is providing much needed moisture to corn on Gilliam Wood's land off Highway 32.