

Next Case, Please

When a former United States district attorney can embezzle a quarter million dollars and be paroled after two months in prison, it is time the public started asking how come.

Two months in prison as punishment for stealing almost \$250,000 comes down to something like \$125,000 per month. That's not the minimum wage the rest of us are guaranteed in return for an honest day's work. It can't be equated with the minimum retainer most expert attorneys will be willing to settle for. It's more like what bigtime white collar crooks make away with.

Something like the way General Electric was dealt with after pleading guilty to padding its payroll in order to rake in more money on a defense contract.

Or the way E.F. Hutton company was treated after being caught in one of the greatest check kiting games in history. Or General Dynamics for throwing everything up to and including the fiscal kitchen sink into the expense account it turned in to the government as a defense contractor.

If you are on the fast track in white collar crime these days, it appears you don't have much to worry about. But if you fail to buckle your seat belt, or claim a questionable deduction on your income tax, or make a personal call on a government telephone, brother you're in real trouble.

It reminds us of that old English rhyme, which goes something like this:

The law is harsh on man or woman

Who steals a goose from off the common,

But lets the greater villain loose
Who steals the common from off the goose.

As North Carolinians, we cannot do much, except being frustrated, with the kid glove treatment extended to the bigtime corporate criminals. But we can do something about cases like the ex-district attorney, for that is a homegrown case. It happened right here in North Carolina.

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Am. Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day

On Saturday, May 25, the red crepe paper poppy will be offered to the public by the American Legion Auxiliary. This reminder off the sacrifice of countless thousands in four wars is an annual event undertaken by the members of Unit #40 in Edenton.

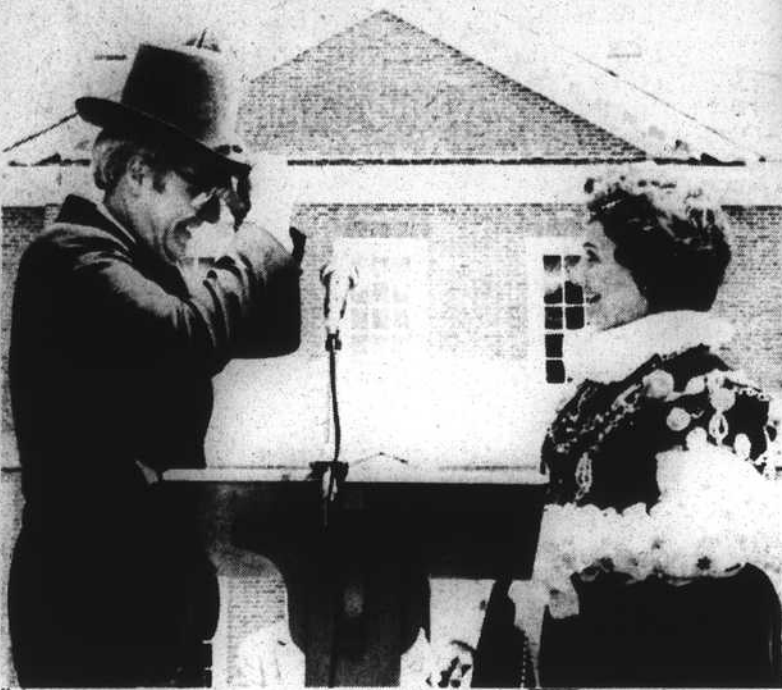
Volunteers from the unit will once again take part in this nationwide program in memory of the citizen soldiers who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

Funds collected on Poppy Day are used to assist the needy veteran and his family. It is a self-help program, for the Auxiliary's familiar red paper poppy is handmade in poppy shops runs by volunteers. In these shops, disabled and hospitalized veterans make the flowers by hand, petal by petal. It is part of a physical and psychological therapy program by veterans for veterans. These poppies are purchased from the shop by the Auxiliary and offered to the public, not at a price, but for a contribution... a few cents to say America remembers.

This memorial flower was adopted by the American Legion Auxiliary in 1920 and since that time, programs have been conducted throughout the United States each year.

Contributions made on Poppy Day are used by the local unit to aid needy veterans and their families in the community and in hospitals throughout the state. All proceeds are channeled directly into rehabilitation and welfare work for children and youth.

Auxiliary members from Edenton will ask the public to pause for a moment, pin on a poppy, and wear it with pride, remembering the civilian who took an oath to serve his country and gave his life so that America would survive today.



A FAIR ON-THE-GREEN— (right picture) Wrenn Phillips, Town Crier from Historic Halifax, officially welcomed state legislators to the Old Courthouse Green on Saturday, May 18. (left picture) Lieutenant Governor Robert Jordan accepts a hat from Queen Elizabeth (Mrs. M. Keith Fearing) after the queen dubbed the lieutenant governor a knight in good standing. The festivities were part of the two-day Albemarle-Chowanoke Legislative Express.



Albemarle-Chowanoke Legislative Express Tour

Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan praised the citizens of northeastern North Carolina for making their needs and problems known to state legislators and encouraged residents to continue being vocal in the future.

Jordan spoke his words of encouragement Saturday from a stage on the Old Courthouse Green during a program officially opening "A Fair-On-The-Green." The fair was one stop on the Albemarle-Chowanoke Legislative Express, a two-day bus tour designed to acquaint

legislators and officials with the heritage of the Northeast and the problems it faces.

"Sometimes the people of the northeast feel closer to Virginia than North Carolina," Jordan told those gathered for the program. "We don't want it to be that way."

Jordan said legislators are going to be looking closely at the problems of rural areas and small towns in the northeast in the future and will do all they can to help farmers to insure that the area is not "the forgotten part of the state."

"Northeastern North Carolina is an extremely important part of our state," said Jordan who promised that more will be done to protect "the goodly soil of the area."

Before Jordan's address, Rep. Charles Evans (D-Dare) presented a certificate to C.A. Phillips, chairman, Board of County Commissioners, and Edenton Mayor Roy Harrell acknowledging the historic importance of the Chowan County Courthouse, "the finest Georgian courthouse in the south."

The program ended with Queen Elizabeth (Mrs. M. Keith Fearing Jr. of the Outer Banks Woman's Club) dubbing the lieutenant governor a knight in good standing. Then Wren Phillips, Town Crier from Historic Halifax rang his bell signifying the opening of A Fair-On-The-Green and the lieutenant governor, legislators and other officials toured booths set up on the green representing historic sites, National wildlife refuges, state parks, regional schools and the Pettigrew Regional Library.



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR— (left picture) Stephanie Elliott was named John A. Holmes High School's Female Athlete of the year. (right picture) Kevin Wrighton (left) and John Downum shared the high school's Male Athlete of the year award. The three received their awards during the Annual Spring Sport Awards Banquet held at the high school on Monday, May 20.

Athletes Recognized: Sports Awards Banquet

The John A. Holmes High Cafeteria was filled to capacity Monday night as athletes, their families and coaches gathered for the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the Aces Boosters Club.

"The banquet is solely to honor our athletes and show appreciation for what they've done through the years," said Tom Bass, Athletic Director, John A. Holmes High.

Every athlete who participated in school sports is recognized at the banquet. Some received certificates and letters, but others are singled out with special awards.

Receiving top awards were Stephanie Elliott who was named Female Athlete of the Year and Kevin Wrighton and John Downum who shared the Male Athlete of the Year title. The Male and Female Athlete of the year awards are awarded on a point system which gives points for the number of sports played during a year and athletic honors attained.

Patrick Becker and Gray Kelly shared the Most Valuable Award for the tennis team. This year they were Northeastern 3A Conference Doubles Champions. Coach Bass

said they are the first players from Holmes to win the conference title.

Other special awards given Monday night went to: Tanja White, Best All-Around (Varsity Cheerleaders); David Rosenblatt - Most Valuable Player, Patrick Becker - Most Improved (Varsity Wrestling); Cheryl Creighton - Most Improved, Norma Simpson - Huddle Award, Diane Nixon - Leadership (Girls Basketball); John Downum - Efficiency Award, Joe Ward - Most Dedicated, Lawrence Holley - Most Improved, Rodney Leigh - Most Valuable Player (Varsity Basketball); Brian Bunch and John Downum - Co-Most Valuable Player, Erie Downing - Most Improved (Varsity Baseball); Stephanie Elliott - Bonnie Flanagan Award, Arlene Twine - Offensive Award, Lynn Elliott - Most Reliable (Softball Team); Leslie Ervin - Most Improved, Dianne Nixon - Most Dedicated, Wanda Sharpe - Most Valuable (Girls Track); Gary Ester - Most Dedicated, and Kelvin Wrighton - Most Valuable (Boys Track).

Also a special award was given to William Bonner from all the coaches. The award recognized

Bonner for the twenty years he has voluntarily worked as an assistant trainer.

Partners With Youth Grant

Perquimans-Chowan Partners With Youth recently received a grant of \$1560.00 from the Methodist Task Force on Hunger/Human Need. Rev. Charles Davis, District Hunger/Human Need Task Force Chairperson, was instrumental in Partners With Youth obtaining the grant.

The grant monies will be used to help Partners With Youth reach their goal of matching 25 caring, responsible adult volunteers with youth who have had court contact. These volunteer/youth matches will provide positive role models for these youth and will hopefully head the youth in a more appropriate direction.

If you would like to be a volunteer with Partners With Youth of if you'd like to make a contribution please call Sandy Webster at 482-3939 or visit the Partners With Youth office upstairs in the Old Courthouse.

Reps. Evans, James Visit

Local citizens gathered for breakfast at McDonald's on Saturday morning to meet with Representatives Charles Evans and Vernon James. Following a similar format of a breakfast meeting with Senator Marc Basnight last Monday morning, a question and answer period was conducted as well as observations made by Rep. Evans and Rep. James on matters of interest. Among items discussed were taxes and budget, seat belt law, income tax reduction for first bracket taxpayers, hospital garnishment bill, appropriations for restoration of old Court House,

John R. Page Masonic Lodge on Oakum Street, and the old Ziegler home-place on Broad Street. Rep. Evans made some suggestions which he said might be helpful along this line.

Also, matters pertaining to schools with Edenton-Chowan School Superintendent John Dunn speaking in support of the 1/2 cent sales tax bill to aid schools and also, at the request of Rep. James, touched on Basic Education legislation being considered, giving his views on each.

In a telephone interview, Dunn said that people he has talked to

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Forty Year Service Honored

Lloyd C. Bunch of Chowan County was honored by his peers for his forty years of service as a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor at a regular meeting of the Albemarle Conservation District on May 14.

Plans for the program to recognize Bunch for his years of hard work and dedication to the soil and water conservation movement were a well-kept secret.

"It was a real surprise," Bunch said of the program given in his honor. "They wouldn't let me say anything and they roasted me real good."

Bunch said he feels he has been performing a service since he was appointed District Supervisor by

the governor in 1944. He also looks at those years as a time of great satisfaction.

"If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't have been in it so long," he said. During the program on May 14, Floyd Mathews, District Vice Chairman, highlighted Bunch's activities from 1944 until now. He said that Bunch, as District Supervisor, attended as many, if not more, local, district, area, state and national district supervisor's meetings than any man in North Carolina.

Mathews said Bunch served as Chairman of the Albemarle Conservation District since 1948 and was Chairman of Area Five of the

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HONORED— Pictured here is Lloyd C. Bunch (center) as he proudly receives recognition for forty years' service as a Soil and Conservation District Supervisor. Presenting the award are Albemarle Conservation District Supervisors, Robert Harrell (left) from Chowan County and Floyd Mathews (right) from Perquimans County.