

Asking The Real Question

So Gaylord Perry, the former major league pitcher, is thinking about running for Congress? Well, he isn't the first and he probably wouldn't be the last.

"I would like to see him run," John R. Moore, Jr., Hertford County Republican Chairman, told a Raleigh newspaper. "He's a native of eastern North Carolina and he's got good name recognition. He'd make a good candidate."

But would he make a good congressman?

No doubt he has earned enough money as a star pitcher to make him feel like a natural Republican; and his residence in Martin County puts him in the middle of the First Congressional district. And no doubt his name is well known among readers of the sports pages.

But what is there in his background and experience that says he would make a good congressman? Surely not the ability to throw a fast curve. There are already too many fast curve artists in Congress. Would his record of 314 wins in 21 seasons qualify him in some special way to tackle a \$200 billion deficit in almost every season?

We don't see it that way. A forerunner, Wilmer D. (Vinegar Bend) Mizell, who went to Congress from the old Fifth District back in the late 1960s, did not embellish his pitching record as a politician, although he is still trying to distribute freebies to farmers as an assistant secretary of agriculture.

The question all this raises for the voters of the First District is whether Gaylord Perry would make a better congressman than Walter B. Jones, Sr. Or Gerald Anderson or John Gillam, III, or, for that matter, Walter Jones, Jr.?

There Is A Difference

It takes more than one federal district court ruling in New York to change the election laws in North Carolina. So we expect to see a few more seasons roll around before run-off primaries are abolished in this state.

It isn't that we think the primary election system in North Carolina is perfect. It probably could be improved in many respects. It's just that we think the legislature, not the federal courts, is where the changes ought to be made.

Nobody seems to talk much these days about the balance of power when the courts start writing laws. And that's exactly what we think happened up in New York last Tuesday when federal District Court Judge Charles L. Brieant struck down as unconstitutional a law requiring a run-off when no candidate in a field of three or more received as

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Court News

Chowan County District Court was in session August 20; the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding over the criminal calendar.

Golden Asro Frinks was found guilty on charges of driving with an improper registration and displaying a fictitious registration. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$75 and cost of court; he appealed.

Charles "Chuch" Paylin was found guilty of secreting secured property. He was sentenced to 6 months suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. He is to make restitution to Colonial Tire Company; he appealed.

Booker Thomas Leary Jr. was found not guilty on a charge of hit and run - property damage.

Lisa Michelle Raynor pleaded guilty to shoplifting. She was sentenced to 6 months suspended for 2 years on the condition she pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. She is not to go on the premises of Cato's for two years.

Randy Edward West pleaded guilty to driving 70 in a 55mph zone. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

Forces Join To Save Masonic Lodge #13

The John R. Page Masonic Hall on Oakum Street has been a focal point of the black community since its construction sometime in the 1800s. But the building has suffered structural damage over the years and efforts to stabilize and renovate the structure are currently underway.

Originally constructed as a black Odd Fellows Hall, the building has been used as a black U.S.O. station, a school and the Brown-Carter Library. Since 1968 it has been the home of John R. Page Masonic Lodge #13 as well as a meeting place for girl scouts and other organizations. Churches also utilize the building by holding services and revival meetings there.

The building predates many of the existing houses in the neighborhood and stands in the Edenton National Register District.

When the Masons learned that the Hall no longer met the town's building code and was to be demolished as part of the East Church Street Development Project, they began looking for help to save the building.

Two of those Masons, William H. Collins, chairman of the trustees, and Marshal Jordan, secretary, began talking to politicians; officials from Historic Edenton and the Town of Edenton; and members of the Edenton Historic Commission.

As a result of those conversations, the Masons have received support for the renovation project from the town and the historic organizations. Also, they have

been granted \$10,000 by the state legislature thanks to a bill sponsored by Rep. Charles Evans and Rep. Vernon James and supported by Sen. Marc Basnight. The Masons must match the \$10,000.

In a meeting held Tuesday between officials from the N.C. Department of Archives and History, the Town of Edenton, Historic Edenton, The Edenton Historic Commission and members of the lodge, a decision was made to halt any plans to demolish the building for a period of twelve months, the time the Masons were given to match the funds.

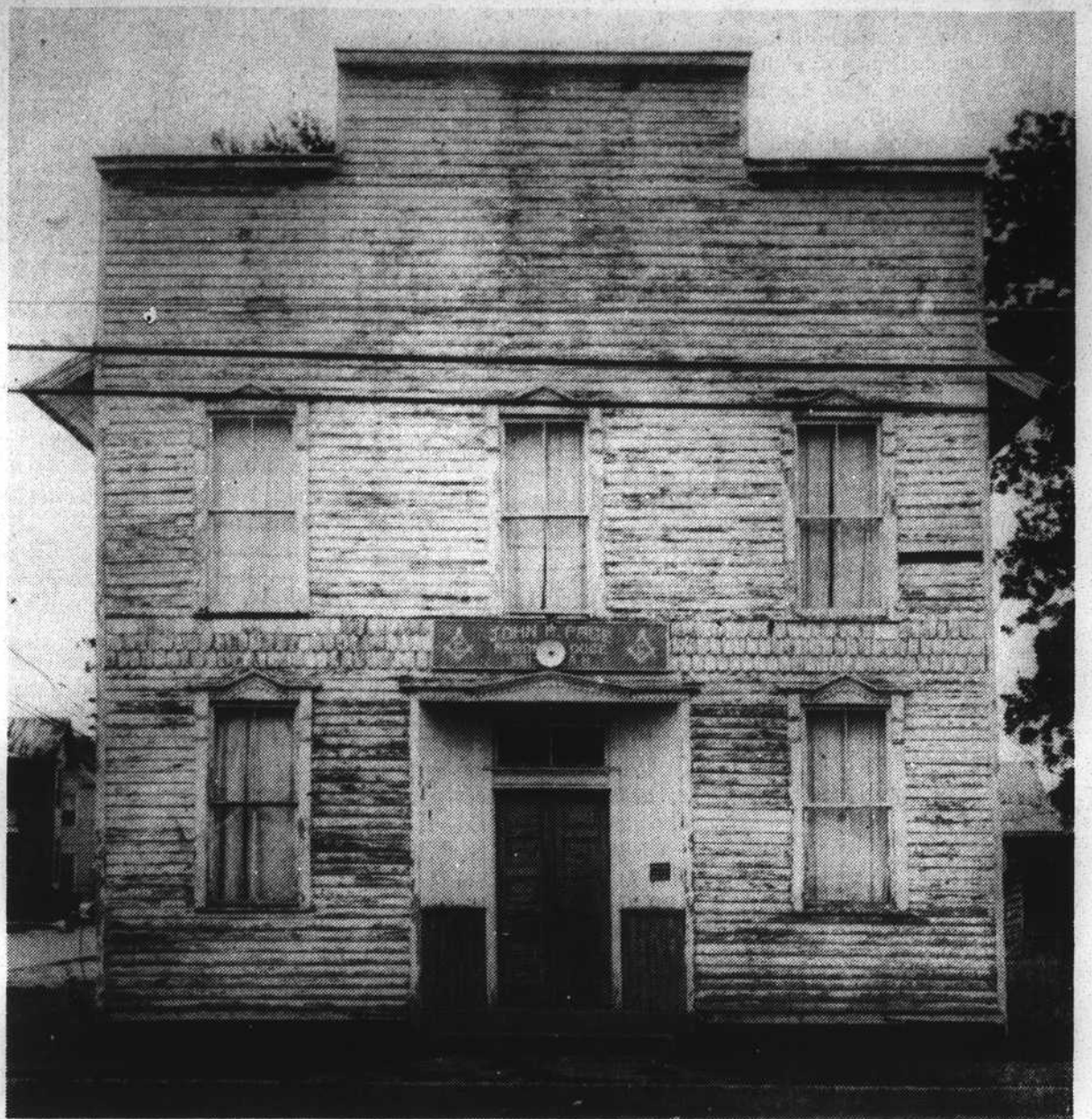
Also at that meeting, the Division of Archives and History agreed to provide an engineer to estimate the cost of renovation and Historic Edenton offered to assist the Masons in applying for grants.

"Everybody is helping with what they can, but basically this is the lodge's project," said Linda Eure, site manager, James Iredell House.

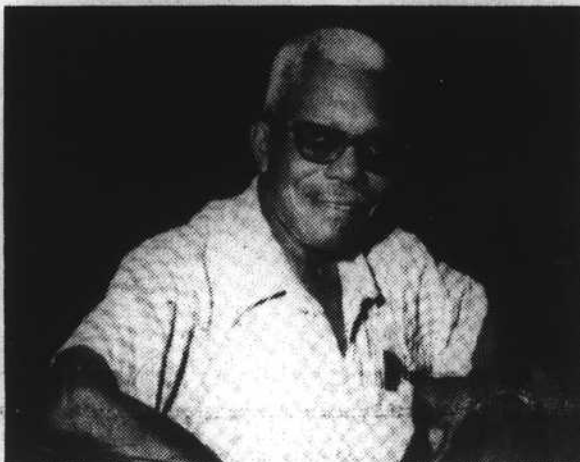
Marshal Jordan, William Collins and the Masons want to see the building restored because they feel it has always been an integral part of the community and a meeting place for the town's black residents.

"The building is a landmark for the black people," said Jordan.

For further information regarding the project to save the structure, contact Marshal Jordan, secretary-treasurer of the special building fund at 482-4781.



The John R. Page Masonic Hall



William H. Collins



Marshal Jordan

COA Offers Algebra

The Continuing Education Department of College of the Albemarle will offer Algebra I this Fall taught by Mrs. Frances Hollowell. The class will assist those who have an interest in Math, plus students who want a review of Algebra I in preparation for the SAT, the Graduate Records Exam (GRE), or Real Estate classes.

Another course offered by the Continuing Education Department of COA is High School Review: Math/Grammar.

Designed for those who want review in English and Math, this course will be taught by Mrs. Leora Brown. This course will assist those planning to enter the Armed Services or seeking job placement.

Both courses will be taught at

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Junior High Football

The coaching staff at Chowan Junior High School announces that football practice will be held Monday, August 26, immediately after school.

Players are asked to bring shorts, gym shoes and spikes (if they own them). In order to practice with the team, participants must have a physical examination.

Accident Claims Life

A Chowan County man was killed early Saturday morning, August 17, when the car he was driving ran off the road, flipped over and crushed him in a cotton field.

According to a Highway Patrol report, the body of Wade Scott Layton, 20, Rt. 3, Edenton, was found under his 1982 Chevrolet Camaro at approximately 7:20 a.m. in a field off of Rural Road 1205, close to two miles from his home.

Apparently the car hit a ditch while Layton was making a turn. The vehicle then threw Layton on the ground and killed him instantly when it landed on top of him.

It is believed the accident occurred at about 2:30 a.m. Layton's body was discovered during an investigation by the Highway Patrol.

Layton, a native of Chowan County, was employed at T-Lock Corporation. He was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Sallie Overton, Edenton; four brothers, R.H., Dennis Earl, and Brent Layton, all of Edenton, and Elbert Layton, Rodanthe; and his maternal grandmother, Betty Overton, Hertford.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, at Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Rev. Donald Wagner officiating. Burial followed in the Layton Family Cemetery, Rt. 3, Edenton. Williford-Barham Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Cotton Growers Attendance Urged

Chowan County cotton growers are urged to attend the First Annual North Carolina Cotton Field Day and Exhibition to be held Wednesday, August 28 at the Sam Edwards Gin in Scotland Neck. The event gets underway at 10 a.m.

Governor James G. Martin, Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham and Dr. Chester D. Black, director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, are scheduled to be on hand to help with the celebration. Michelle Pitcher, the Maid of Cotton, will be a special guest and speaker.

Included in the day's activities

are: an extensive display of cotton production and other farming equipment and materials; visits to Agricultural Field tests; exhibits by commercial companies; and exhibits of crafts, cotton fiber products, cotton foods, a portable gin, and boll weevil eradication.

The North Carolina Cotton Field Day and Exhibition is sponsored by the N.C. Cotton Promotion Association and conducted by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Cotton Industry and its supporters.

Head Start Program Deadline

Due to the relocation of the Head Start Program in Chowan County from D.F. Walker Elementary School to White Oak Elementary School, Head Start is recruiting children in this area that will be four years old before, or on October 15. Applications are

available at Chowan County Health Department and E.I.C. Resource Center.

The requirements for acceptance of applications are Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Proof of Income

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Local Educators Attend Effectiveness Training Workshops

(Editor's Note: Although students attending Edenton-Chowan Schools won't begin classes until Monday, August 26, teachers and administrators have been busy participating in a teaching effectiveness training program. What follows is an explanation of the program by Maxine Britt, Superintendent of Instruction, Edenton-Chowan Schools.)

Edenton-Chowan teachers and administrators have class and talent. During a recent thirty hour workshop, 154 local educators had the opportunity to demonstrate their class and display their

talents. The North Carolina Teaching Effectiveness Training Program, a part of the career ladder pilot process, was designed to highlight effective teaching skills.

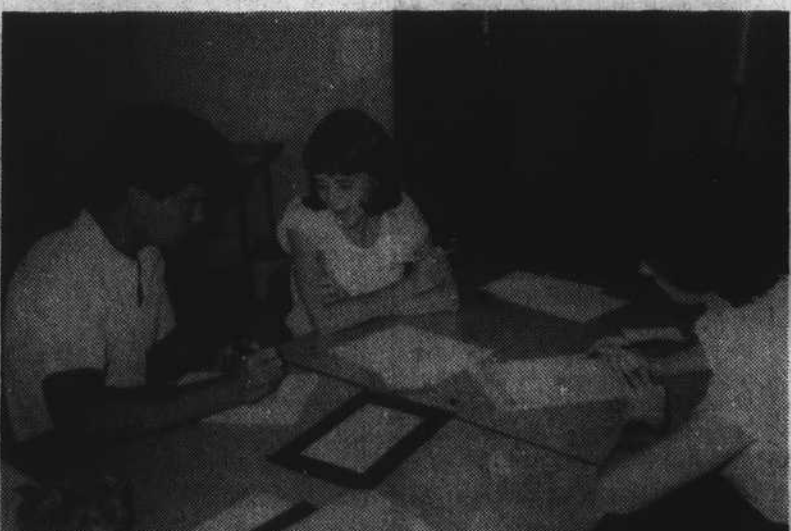
Teachers and administrators spent five days reviewing research on effective schools and effective teaching. The research findings were translated into classroom practice known to improve student achievement. Included in these practices were how to increase academic learning time, how to provide feedback to increase student responses,

how to monitor effectively, and appropriate management of student behavior.

To demonstrate their knowledge of the research based practices, participants were required to teach a lesson demonstrating an adult skill to another person. Hidden talents were uncovered as teachers and administrators taught their lessons. Classrooms came alive with activities such as needle point, knot tying, tennis, gardening, box score reading, lamp rewiring, reel casting, flower ar-

ranging, cake decorating, golf, karate, cobbler making and Christmas ornaments. The learning experiences were enjoyable as well as instructive.

Trainers for the workshop included Katherine Russell and Jake Boyce from Chowan Junior High; Kay Cherry, John A. Holmes; Brenda Winborne, White Oak; Carolyn Forehand, D.F. Walker; and John Guard and Maxine Britt from the central office.



WORKSHOP—(left picture) Susan Johnson (center) teaches Barry Byrum as Colleen Karl takes notes. (right picture) Jill King monitors



as Robert Moye teaches Ginny Culpepper. The educators were participating in a five-day teaching effectiveness training program.